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Precedence: PRIORITY **Date:** 07/17/2002

To: Criminal Investigative
Paris **Attn:** ALAT [redacted]

From: [redacted]
Squad 6
Contact: SA [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted] MAG

Drafted By: [redacted] PCS

Case ID #: 163G-HQ-1324605 (Pending) -8

Title: UNSUB(S);
LY TOU YIA - VICTIM
FOREIGN POLICE COOPERATION - VC
1/17/97

Synopsis: To set lead to Legat Paris for visa for [redacted]

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Enclosure(s): Enclosed for Legat Paris is the original and two copies of a FD 302 dated 7/16/02.

Details: On 7/16/02, a Milwaukee source advised that Col Shoua [redacted] the murder of Yia in 1997.

[redacted] and is willing to talk to the FBI if the Milwaukee source accompanies him in an interview with SA [redacted] officials were legitimate and were trustworthy.

Assistance is sought from Legat Paris [redacted]

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To: Paris From: Milwaukee
Re: 163G-HQ-1324605, 07/17/2002

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First:
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To: Paris From: [redacted]
Re: 163G-HQ-1324605, 07/17/2002

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1:

PARIS

AT PARIS, FRANCE

Legat Paris is requested to attempt to obtain [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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Source not in a position to testify provided the following information:

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Source asked SA [redacted]

Investigation on 7/16/02 at [redacted] WI (telephonically)

File # [redacted] 163G-HQ-1324605,2-MW-39584 Date dictated 7/17/02

by SA [redacted]

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Source recommends [redacted] be interviewed as soon as possible.

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Investigation on 7/22/02 at [redacted] WI (telephonically)

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FROM: LEGAT BANGKOK

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/0870 QUERY OUT OF STATE D.L. # STATUS, FROM ORI WIFBIMW00, AT STATION 1505

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OPERATOR/WEST

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TXT
NAME/VANG PAO
ADDR/9302 ENGLAND AVE. WESTMINSTER, CA.

SEX/M. DOB/120829. HGT/506. WGT/165. HAI/BLK. EYE/BRO.

OLN/A1077984. EXP 12/08/02

RSTR:MUST WEAR CORRECTIVE LENSES WHEN DRIVING

STATUS:VALID

END

/0782 QUERY OUT OF STATE DRIVER STATUS, FROM ORI WIFBIMW00, AT STATION 1505

NAME/PAO,VANG
SEX/M RACE/U DATE OF BIRTH/12081929 NLETS STATE/MN
OPERATOR/WEST

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/0782 QUERY OUT OF STATE DRIVER STATUS, FROM ORI WIFBIMW00, AT STATION 1505

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FBI MILWAUKEE
ATTN:SAC DAVID B. MITCHELL

RE:ALL VEHICLES REGISTERED TO VANG PAO OR PAO VANG

POSSIBLE FILE CODES: A(1PZE376) S(1PZE376)
REG VALID FROM: 04/18/00 TO 04/18/01
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R/O :VANG PAO, 9302 ENGLAND AVE CITY:WESTMINSTER C.C.:30 ALCO:30
ZIP#:92683, NO LIENHOLDER
RCID:04/28/00 OCID:05/12/86 LOCD:9

TYPE:11 POWR:G VEH :17 BODY:S CLAS:BN *-YR:79
REC STATUS:
01/20/2001 RENEWAL NOTICE EXTRACTED
02/26/99 SMOG DUE 04/18/01

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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 08/02/2002

To: Milwaukee **Attn:** SA [redacted]
Squad 5

From: Salt Lake City
Regional Translation Center
Contact: SLS [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]:eai

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Title: GENERAL VANG PAO;
DBA-NEO HOM;
UNITED FRONT FOR LIBERATION OF LAOS;
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

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Synopsis: Salt Lake City has completed the enclosed translations as requested.

Enclosure(s): Enclosed for MW are both a hard and a disk copy of English verbatim translations of two Laotian documents.

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LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1:

MILWAUKEE

AT MILWAUKEE, WI

Provide enclosed translations to SA [redacted] for appropriate action. b6 b7C

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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 08/02/2002

To: Milwaukee **Attn:** SA [redacted] b6 b7C
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From: Salt Lake City
Regional Translation Center
Contact: SLS [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] :eai

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66F-SU-35009-LAO -45

Title: GENERAL VANG PAO;
DBA-NEO HOM;
UNITED FRONT FOR LIBERATION OF LAOS;
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LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1:

MILWAUKEE

AT MILWAUKEE, WI

Provide enclosed translation to SA [redacted] for appropriate action.

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Translation Cover Sheet
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Case#: 2-MW-39584

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Agent: SA [redacted]

Agent's office: Milwaukee

Translator: [redacted]

Translator's office: Salt Lake

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Target language: Lao

Second language: N/A

Third language: N/A

Participants: N/A

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Precedence: IMMEDIATE **Date:** 07/22/2002

To: Criminal Investigative **Attn:** VCMOS/SSGU, ROOM 5064
SSA [redacted]

Counterterrorism CIT/ITOS/TGU
IOS [redacted]

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Milwaukee SAC Milwaukee
Paris ALAT [redacted]

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Squad 6
Contact: SA [redacted]

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Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 163G-HQ-1324605 (Closed)

Title: UNSUB(S);
LY TOU YIA-VICTIM;
FOREIGN POLICE COOPERATION-VC;
01/17/1997

Synopsis: To request travel [redacted] to meet with source and [redacted]

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Reference: 2-MW-39584 Serial 86

Administrative: Re telcalls between: SA [redacted] and IOS [redacted] [redacted] CTD/ITOS/TGU, on 7/22/02; between Relief Supervisor SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] on 7/22/02 and SA [redacted] and SSA [redacted] VCMOS/SSGU, on 7/22/02. Telcall between SA [redacted] and Liaison Analyst (LA) [redacted] on 7/22/02.

Enclosure(s): Enclosed for Milwaukee is an FD-540 of travel costs to [redacted]

Details: On 7/16/02, a Milwaukee source advised that [redacted]

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On 7/20/02, [redacted] arrived in the United States (U.S.) and is available for an immediate interview. [redacted] will only be staying in the U.S. for one week. SA [redacted] wishes to seize the immediate opportunity to travel to [redacted] to meet with source and [redacted]

On 1/17/97, Yia was found bound to a chair, gagged and shot execution style in his residence in Saint Martin-DeCrau, France. Yia was a former member of Parliament in Laos until he fled Communism to the West. Just before his murder, Yia returned from a trip to the U.S. where he raised political and monetary support for starting his own anticommunist resistance movement. Much of the campaigning he conducted was in areas traditionally supporting Gen Vang Pao. Source information advised that Yia was [redacted]

[redacted] is very wary of Western government officials and is willing to talk to the FBI if the Milwaukee source accompanies him in an interview with SA [redacted] In the past, [redacted] after source and other close friends [redacted] assured him [redacted] DIA officials were legitimate and were trustworthy. Source has advised that [redacted] will only be comfortable talking with SA [redacted] in the presence of source.

Adding to the urgency of the situation is the fact that the Hmong community in the U.S. is very tight knit. General Vang Pao is aware [redacted] and he and his followers will be bringing a great deal of pressure on [redacted] not to cooperate. General Vang Pao and his followers are willing to use threats and violence against people who are willing to cooperate with authorities.

The trip will require two to three days including the use of a rental car. Exact trip dates are to be decided after coordination with source as to [redacted] No personnel assistance is needed from Denver Division.

On 7/22/02, [redacted] advised the case would be re-opened on 7/23/02. b6 b7C

SA [redacted] requests concurrence from SAC Denver for travel to Denver Division.

LEADS

Set Lead 1:

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE

AT WASHINGTON, DC

Read and clear.

Set Lead 2:

COUNTERTERRORISM

AT WASHINGTON, DC

Read and clear.

Set Lead 3:

[redacted]

AT [redacted] CO

SAC Denver is requeted to concur with travel of SA [redacted] to [redacted]

Set Lead 4:

MILWAUKEE

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AT MILWAUKEE, WI

SAC Milwaukee is requested to approve SA [redacted] travel to [redacted] to meet with source and [redacted]

Set Lead 5:

PARIS

AT PARIS, FR

Read and clear.

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[redacted] (PROTECT IDENTITY). [redacted] male, born [redacted] After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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Investigation on 7/27/02&7/28/02 at [redacted]

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by SA [redacted] DCS

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In 1975 when the U.S. stopped support for the anti communist Hmong forces, thousands of Hmong fighters were left in Laos to fight for their survival.
Many of these remaining Hmong units became resistance groups continuing to fight the communists today. From 1975 to 1980, GEN VANG PAO claimed to support the Chao Fa resistance group. At that time the Chao Fa was the largest and most active resistance group in Laos. During that time period, GEN VANG PAO was not active in the Hmong community in the U.S. When GEN VANG PAO left Laos in 1975, he was the seventh richest man in Laos. GEN VANG PAO realized in 1980 that he would have to start collecting money from the Hmong people in order to live a wealthy life style in the U.S. and avoid working.

TOU YIA LY, Asian male, born 10/15/33, Saint Martin-DeCrau, France, came to the United States (U.S.) in 1997 to raise money and support for his own anticommunist resistence movement. LY used the same idea of General (GEN) VANG PAO to create a fictitious shadow government and offer Hmong men positions in the shadow government in exchange for money. LY was undercutting VANG PAO's costs for ranks and positions.

[redacted] gave the example of a Hmong man paying GEN VANG PAO $400 a month to maintain his rank as a Colonel in the Neo Hom resistance organization. LY would make the man a general in LY's organization for the same amount.

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LY raised thousands of dollars while he was in the U.S. One Hmong man paid $10,000 to LY and received a position in LY's shadow government.

LY was a widower [redacted] at the time of his murder. [redacted] might know more about the murder of LY. [redacted] did not know if LY utilized prostitutes who could have been used to gain entry to his apartment.

[redacted] LY's apartment and believes the killer or killers tricked LY into opening the door of his residence be bribing, coercing or threatening someone known and trusted by LY to ask LY for entry.

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GEN VANG PAO specifically said cash should be collected, no records of the money should be kept and the Hmong people will give generously if they think the money is going to fight the communists. [redacted] was appalled by the offer and broke his association with GEN VANG PAO that very day and did not closely associate with GEN VANG PAO again.

The meeting started with GEN VANG PAO speaking about a new organization he had started in California, known as the Lao Family Organization. GEN VANG PAO next spoke about setting up another organization similar to the Lao Family Organization to provide jobs and services to the Hmong people. GEN VANG PAO then spoke about politics and Laos. VANG PAO concentrated on the Chao Fa resistance group and asked [redacted] in front of everyone at the meeting if [redacted] would collect money for the Chao Fa. [redacted] told GEN VANG PAO that he would not collect money for the Chao Fa. [redacted] did not trust GEN VANG PAO with any money that would have been raised for the Chao Fa. The two men began to argue when [redacted] stood up and intervened between the two men to stop the argument. The meeting ended at approximately 2:00 p.m. that day with [redacted] leaving the hotel and returning to France.

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In attendance at the meeting were: [redacted] GEN VANG PAO, [redacted] There were others in attendance that [redacted] does not remember. [redacted] drove to the meeting with [redacted] from his home in [redacted]

GEN VANG PAO used threats to pressure people into supporting him or to get money from them. The past history of GEN VANG PAO being brutal is still remembered by current Hmongs and used to intimidate them. GEN VANG PAO is a brutal, jealous and strange person. Additionally, GEN VANG PAO and his money collectors tell Hmongs that the U.S. government still supports them and along with threats of being labeled a communist, this pressures Hmongs to contribute money or join Neo Hom and pay for a rank or position.

During the war in Laos, GEN VANG PAO committed many horrible acts to intimidate people. Once, GEN VANG PAO had two Khmu tribal fighters who were accused of being disloyal, put into large rice bags and thrown out of a transport aircraft while in flight.

GEN VANG PAO did not listen to the Khmu fighters before executing them. GEN VANG PAO would often not listen to both sides of a story before passing judgement and punishment.

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GEN VANG PAO has a history of using assassins. NAO THONG YANG, Asian male, was an assassin for GEN VANG PAO in Laos and Thailand during the war. After 1975, NAO THONG YANG went to the refugee camps in Thailand where he was confronted by many Hmongs whose friends or relatives he had killed. When confronted as to why he killed the people, NAO THONG YANG said GEN VANG PAO ordered me to kill them. GEN VANG PAO was afraid information of the killings by NAO THONG YANG would reach western authorities, so GEN VANG PAO had NAO THONG YANG killed. NAO THONG YANG's body was thrown into a river in Thailand. [redacted] said there were many more examples he could give, but there was not enough time.

GEN VANG PAO told Hmongs in Thailand to stay in Thailand and not to immigrate to the U.S. GEN VANG PAO sold Hmong men positions as generals and provincial governors in a shadow government in Thailand. The men where led to believe GEN VANG PAO could overthrow the Lao Government and they would be the next government to rule Laos.

[redacted] stated GEN VANG PAO aggressively raises money in [redacted] for Neo Hom. GEN VANG PAO's representative in [redacted] Asian male, [redacted] GEN VANG PAO uses the same tactics in [redacted] for fund raising as in the U.S. Ranks or positions in a fictitious Neo Hom government in exile are sold for a lump sum amount with required monthly dues. There are at least 60 Neo Hom members in France that have paid thousands of dollars for the false ranks or positions. In February of 2002, all rank or position holding members of Neo Hom in [redacted] had to pay $2000 (U.S. equivalent) in francs to keep their ranks or positions. [redacted] keeps 2/3 of the money, sending the rest to GEN VANG PAO. [redacted] sends documents to the Neo Hom members in France of upcoming events where money is collected.

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[redacted] uses a round red colored stamp of the same type GEN VANG PAO uses in the U.S. to create an official look to the documents. [redacted] does not believe the French authorities are aware of the fraudulent activity.

GEN VANG PAO tells the Hmongs who collect money for him to not tell the truth to authorities about collection operations. GEN VANG PAO uses Hmong cultural traditions to pressure his money

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collectors to keep the money collecting secret. The "Da-Da" (day dah) ceremony consists of boiling blood and water while mixing in items symbolic of danger such as knives and matches while being stirred with a handgun. GEN VANG PAO makes all Hmongs in attendance swear to an oath that they will never disclose the secrets of Neo Hom operations. Referral/Consult

GEN VANG PAO and Neo Hom are currently involved in counterfeiting. Counterfeit U.S. money is printed in Thailand by GEN VANG PAO's people who are sent to Thailand for the specific purpose of counterfeiting. They like to counterfeit the U.S. $100 dollar bill. GEN VANG PAO claims the money is real and [redacted] The Counterfeit money is stockpiled by the Neo Hom and used for bribes in Laos. There is a video tape showing two suit cases of counterfeit money in preparation for use in Laos.
The counterfeit money is used in Laos because the Lao people do not scrutinize the authenticity of the bills. The counterfeit money has gotten many Hmong people into trouble because they believe the money is real. The Lao Government knows about the counterfeit U.S. bills and punishes people who are found in possession or using them.

In April of 2000, [redacted] made an offer of reconciliation to GEN VANG PAO thru [redacted] Asian male, [redacted] is GEN VANG PAO's representative in Colorado who was visiting France. In June of 2000, GEN VANG PAO called [redacted] and told [redacted] that he would help [redacted] get a visa to come to the U.S. to reconciliate. GEN VANG PAO asked [redacted] to send him two photographs that would be used with a formal invitation to a Hmong Veterans "official" function in Minnesota on 7/3/01 and 7/4/01. On 6/7/00 [redacted] received a manilla mailing envelope from GEN VANG PAO's California address. The return address on the envelope was from: [redacted] USA and contained the following items:

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1. A Lao Veterans of America, Inc. membership certificate, number 2011959.

2. A certificate from the Lao Veterans of America, Inc., signed by GEN VANG PAO and [redacted]

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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 8/5/2002

To: Criminal Investigative **Attn:** VCMOS/SSGU, ROOM 5064
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Counterterrorism CIT/ITOS/TGU
IOS [redacted]
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From: Milwaukee
Squad 6
Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted] RAG/SPF

Drafted By: [redacted] CPCS

Case ID #: 163G-HQ-1324605 (Pending) -B
2-MW-39584 (Pending) 599

Title: UNSUB(S);
LY TOU YIA-VICTIM;
FOREIGN POLICE COOPERATION-VC;
01/17/1997

GENERAL VANG PAO
DBA NEO HOM
NEUTRALITY ACT VIOLATION
4/19/99

Synopsis: To advised all receiving offices of the results of interview with Colonel (Col) [redacted]

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Reference: 2-MW-39584 Serial 86 and 163G-HQ-1324605 serial 9.

Administartive: Re telcall with SSA [redacted] Minneapolis on 7/30/02.

Enclosure(s): Enclosed for Criminal Investigative is the original and two copies of a FD-302 dated 7/27/02 and 7/28/02 and interview notes in a 1A envelope. Enclosed for all others is one copy of the FD-302.

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Details: [redacted]

[redacted] advised he was made aware of assassination lists of Gen Vang Pao of people in the U.S. and France Vang Pao wants to have killed. The lists include [redacted]

[redacted] provided [redacted] at the time of his murder who might have more information. More details are in the enclosed FD 302, dated 7/27/02.

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[redacted] added Gen Vang Pao's Neo Hom organization is not a legitimate anticommunist resistance group and gave details of the money raising operations and tactics by Gen Vang Pao. [redacted] advised that Gen Vang Pao aggressively raises money in France as well as the U.S. [redacted] does not believe the French authorities are aware of the fraudulent activity.

Other activitites of Gen Vang Pao and Neo Hom to include extorsion, use of assassins, counterfeiting, intimidation and threats are detailed in the enclosed FD-302.

All receiving offices of this information are advised of the extreme danger to [redacted] should the fact that he has be communicating with the FBI be comprimised and discovered by Gen Vang Pao and members or supporters of Neo Hom.

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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE

AT WASHINGTON, DC

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COUNTERTERRORISM

AT WASHINGTON, DC

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Set Lead 3: PARIS

AT PARIS, FRANCE

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Set Lead 4:

MINNEAPOLIS

AT MINNEAPOLIS, MN

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Set Lead 5:

BANGKOK

AT BANGKOK, THAILAND

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 08/23/2002

To: Counterterrorism **Attn:** SSA [redacted] Room 5425
IOS [redacted] Room 5425

Bangkok **Attn:** Legat [redacted]
ALAT [redacted]

Milwaukee **Attn:** SSA [redacted]
Squad 3

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From: Milwaukee
Squad 9
Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 2-MW-39584 (Pending) 602

Title: GENERAL VANG PAO;
DBA-NEO HOM;
UNITED FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF LAOS;
NEUTRALITY MATTERS;

Synopsis: Requesting a Squad 3 Agent evaluate captioned case files for possible violations of the RICO statute.

Details: Milwaukee's Neutrality investigation developed subsequent to leads set forth by Legat Bangkok in a Foreign Police Cooperation matter (163A-BK-342). On 05/04/1999, [redacted] appeared at the American Consulate in Chiang Mai, Thailand, and reported that [redacted] Houa Ly and [redacted] have not been heard from since they crossed Thailand into Laos on 04/19/1999. Houa Ly resided in Appleton, Wisconsin, and [redacted] was from [redacted] Initial reports were that the two men were kidnaped by agents of the Government of Laos (GOL). In fact, both [redacted] and [redacted] signed a statement, addressed to Members of Congress, which claimed that they observed Houa Ly [redacted] being forced into a river boat at Chiang Khong, Thailand, which then sped away towards Laos.

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Subsequent investigation indicated that Ly [redacted] were members of an armed resistance movement known as the Neo Hom. Reportedly, they were sent to Thailand by the U.S. leader of the Neo Hom, former Major General Vang Pao, to illegally enter Laos and conduct activities against the GOL. Vang Pao's Neo Hom organization consists largely of Lao war veterans who fought with him against the Pathet Lao and North Vietnamese Communists in Laos from 1961 to 1975. Because the U.S. is

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at peace with Laos, these activities are in violation of the Neutrality Act, Title 18, U.S.C. 1956 and 1960.

While a great deal has been learned about Vang Pao's Neo Hom fund raising activities and insurgency operations, there is insufficient evidence to prosecute him under the Neutrality Act at this time. A major impediment to the investigation seems to be the reluctance of individuals, with direct knowledge of Vang Pao and his activities, to be completely candid and/or testify against him. Although dated, Milwaukee does possess a large volume of documents related to the collection of money for the Neo Hom, many of which bear Vang Pao's signature.

On 07/20/2002, ALAT [redacted] suggested that the investigation of Vang Pao be evaluated for possible violations of the RICO statue. On 07/22/2002, the writer discussed the investigation, including ALAT [redacted] suggestion, with SAC David B. Mitchell and Squad 5 Relief Supervisor [redacted] SAC Mitchell subsequently recommended that the writer submit a request to SSA [redacted] requesting that a Squad 3 Agent evaluate captioned case for possible violations of the RICO statute. b6 b7C

In addition to what may be revealed during a review of the case files, the writer has set forth the following information which may be relevant to satisfying a possible RICO violation. b6 b7C b7D

In July, 2002, [redacted] (Protect Identity) (serial 599), advised that many years ago General Vang Pao asked [redacted]

[redacted] stated that [redacted]

[redacted] confidential source advised [redacted]

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[redacted] d. Source stated that [redacted] Source noted that [redacted]

On 02/07/2000, [redacted] (Protect Identity) advised that [redacted]

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On 05/09/2000, [redacted] confidential source [redacted] advised that [redacted]

[redacted] Source states [redacted]

Source advised that [redacted]

On 03/02/2001, [redacted] confidential source (serial 578) provided [redacted]

On 02/13/2001, [redacted] confidential source advised [redacted]

In addition to the above, the Fresno Resident Agency of the FBI received [redacted]

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Subsequent ACS text searches disclosed that [redacted] (DOB [redacted] was interviewed on [redacted] by the FBI, DEA [redacted]

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[redacted] General Vang Pao, Colonel Toupao Lee, and Colonel Lee Teng. His story was deemed to lack credibility and his desire to cooperate was viewed as an effort to lessen his punishment.

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[redacted] Referral/Consult

Vang Pao has a history of using assassins and [redacted] suspects that Vang Pao was behind the murder of Tou Yia Ly from Saint Martin-DeCrau, France, a few years ago. Vang Pao also used threats to pressure people into supporting him or to get money from them. His reputation as being brutal individual is still remembered by the Hmong and is used to intimidate them. Vang Pao and his money collectors tell Hmong that the U.S. Government still supports him, and along with threats of being labeled a communist, this pressures Hmong to contribute money or join Neo Hom and pay for a rank or position.

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Whether their fears are real or imagined is unknown; however, their concerns may not be without some foundation. ACS text searches revealed two interviews conducted [redacted] interview was of [redacted] remembered trouble with Hmong General Pao Vang visiting the 1993 Hmong New Year's Celebration. [redacted] stated that Vang likes to travel with an entourage of gun-toting bodyguards carrying fully automatic weapons.

The second interview was of [redacted] was involved with the Hmong New Year's Celebration held annually at the Fresno fairgrounds. [redacted] advised that he thought that 1993 was the year when there was difficulty in keeping Hmong General Pao Vang's bodyguards from carrying firearms, and specifically fully automatic weapons, into the fairgrounds.

Although not part of Milwaukee's case file, an ACS text search revealed [redacted]

[redacted] told [redacted] (Protect Identity) that [redacted]

[redacted] (Protect Identity), [redacted] advised that [redacted]

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Vang Pao's efforts to discredit individuals by labeling them communists has also been documented. The writer recommends that 203A-MP-49599, Serial 3, be queried and reviewed. This document is classified.

Also of potential interest is information which surfaced in a Thai Lottery case conducted by the Minneapolis Division in 1999 (sub-HQ, serial 59). Extensive Lao American Veteran Association paperwork and rosters were found at the subject's residence during the service of Federal gambling search warrants. The subject admitted he holds the rank of Captain in General Vang Pao's army and that he visits the general whenever the two are in the same town.

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COUNTERRORISM

AT WASHINGTON, DC

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Set Lead 2:

BANGKOK

AT BANGKOK, THAI

Bangkok is requested to provide Milwaukee with any additional information which, in the opinion of Legat Bangkok, may support the investigation of General Vang Pao under the RICO statute.

Set Lead 3:

MILWAUKEE

AT MILWAUKEE, WI

SSA [redacted] is requested to assign an agent to review captioned case files and evaluate this matter for possible violations of the RICO statute. b6 b7C

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To: Milwaukee **Attn:** SA [redacted]

From: Milwaukee
Squad 3
Contact: SSA [redacted] Ext. [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]:ll

Case ID #: 2-MW-39584 -603 (Pending)

Title: GENERAL VANG PAO;
DBA-NEO HOM;
UNITED FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION
OF LAOS;
NEUTRALITY MATTERS;

Synopsis: Review of captioned matter does not indicate a viable RICO case. Milwaukee's lead is covered.

Reference: 2-MW-39584 Serial 602

Details: A review of the attached EC and file does not indicate significant potential for a RICO case. The primary problem with attempting a RICO prosecution in this matter would be the lack of venue and jurisdiction in the Eastern District of Wisconsin (EDW) as there are very few Federal violations in Wisconsin. The majority of criminal acts appear to take place in California. United States Attorney (USA) [redacted] EDW stated during his review of the case that since there is not a prosecutable Neutrality matter case, this investigation should probably be closed. USA [redacted] also did not believe there was sufficient evidence for a viable RICO prosecution.

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While it may be argued that Pao is running a "corrupt enterprise", the fact remains that to prosecute this matter in the EDW using the RICO Statutes you need jurisdiction and RICO predicate offenses (i.e. - mail fraud, extortion, Hobbs Act). There is not sufficient venue or violations in the EDW to support a RICO prosecution.

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Re: ?? , 09/23/2002

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CC: SSA [redacted] b6 b7C

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Source not in a position to testify [redacted] related to General VANG PAO and hid Neo Hom organization. The box is marked with SA [redacted] initials ans dated 8/28/02.

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Investigation on 8/28/02 at [redacted] WI

File # 12-MW-39584, [redacted] Date dictated 8/28/02

by SA [redacted] PCS

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To: Counterterrorism **Attn:** CTD/ITOS/TGU
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From: Milwaukee
Squad 9
Contact: SA [redacted] [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 163C-BK-466-4 (Pending)

Title: HMONG-AMERICANS VISIT
TO NORTHERN THAILAND;
FPC/DT - THAILAND

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Synopsis: Reporting information concerning [redacted] mentioned in captioned matter.

Reference: 2-MW-39584 Serial 362.

Details: For information of Los Angeles, the following information was reported by FBI Bangkok on 11/08/2002:

A well-known local Hmong resistance leader identified as Pa Kao Her, also known as Jeng Sae-Hser (in Thai), approximately 60 years old, was ambushed and killed as he and his wife were walking from his orange orchard in Ban Huay Kuk, Tambon Paw, Amphur Wiang Kaen, Chiang Rai Province in Thailand, some 4 or 5 kilometers from the Lao border, at approximately 6:30 pm on Wednesday, October 23, 2002. The murder weapon was believed to be an AK assault rifle and the motive for the crime may be related to some illegal methamphetamine trade in the area. Subsequently, a number of Hmong-Americans have complained to the U.S. Ambassador to Vientaine, Laos that the victim was killed by assassins working for the Lao government.

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On 11/07/2002, Assistannt Regional Security Officer at Bangkok brought to Acting Legat's attention a report from the Consul General (CG) in Chiang Mai, Thailand that there is a large group of Hmong-American and other Americans visiting in Northern Thailand at present, apparently to attend Pa Kao Her's funeral, and concurrently planning a military liberation of Laos.

On instant date, the CG forwarded to Bangkok copies of attachments, which are (1) the proposal for liberating Laos, addressed by one [redacted] of the United Lao/Hmong Congress for Democracy from Eau Claire, Wisconsin to the U.S. Humanitarian Special Operation, the CIA, the U.S. Congress and the White House, and (2) a letter dated 04/09/2002, signed by [redacted] of LanXang Democracy, Inc. These documents, obtained from [redacted] from Minneapolis, indicated that "the resistance leaders are planning to make a major liberation operation" for all the suffering people in Laos, "securing a safe zone for the victims" and ultimately replacing the current regime in Laos. b6 b7C

CG Chiang Mai advised that an American male identified as [redacted] of the anti-Laos resistance reportedly planned to purchase arms in Northern Thailand to supply the Hmong inside Laos. He related accusations by the Hmong activists of possible chemical weapons use and "genocide" by the Lao Government. [redacted] warned that a large gathering of Hmong expatriates will take place in the Nana village on or about December 3, 2002. It should be noted that Pa Kao Her lived in Nan village prior to his death.

During a meeting with the CG at the US Consulate in Chiang Mai on 11/07/2002, [redacted] made a tearful appeal for the U.S. Government's support for the Hmong dissidents' military engagement against the Lao People's Democratic Republic (LPDR) and the overthrow of the Lao Government. Additionally, [redacted] made clear to the CG that his group is at odds with General Vang Pao and the Neo Hom (Milwaukee file 2-MW-39584), and suggested that Pa Kao Her may have succumbed to the hands of Vang Pao's operatives.

Upon receipt of the information (supra), Acting Legat conferred with U.S. Embassy officials in Bangkok, Chiang Mai and Vientiane, informed FBIHQ and Milwaukee via Groupwise e-mail and obtained concurrence from all parties that the matter should be brought to the attention of [redacted], which has been requesting information of this nature from U.S. law enforcement. It is anticipated that the [redacted] will enthusiastically initiate an investigation into this group's activities, arrest the perpetrators, expel them to their country of origin, and place their names on the black list to prevent future travels to Thailand. b6 b7C b7D

Bangkok will gather additional information on captioned matter and apprise recipients in separate communications. On 11/12/2002, Acting Legat will meet with the [redacted] to inform them on the above.

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The above mentioned proposal by [redacted] listed a contact address of [redacted] business telephone [redacted] fax [redacted] e-mail address [redacted] A check of ACS [redacted]

A review of Milwaukee file 2-MW-39584 disclosed one reference to [redacted] who is, in all likelihood, identical to the [redacted] of the anti-Laos resistance group mentioned above. On 05/09/2000, a Milwaukee source, who is not in a position to testify, provided several documents concerning a [redacted]

One of the documents [redacted]

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A second document (dated 07/30/1997) is from .

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A California Driver's License search through NCIC disclosed that [redacted] date of birth [redacted] holds a current license with an address of [redacted]

A LexisNexis search revealed that a [redacted] year of birth [redacted] address [redacted] is assigned Social Security Administration Number (SSAN) [redacted] previous addresses are listed as [redacted] and [redacted] In addition, LexisNexis revealed a second [redacted] date of birth [redacted] address [redacted] SSAN [redacted] Previous addresses include [redacted] and [redacted] The reason for the discrepancy in the dates of birth is unknown.

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In view of the above information, Milwaukee is providing this communication to the Los Angeles Division of information purposes.

Investigation continuing in the Milwaukee Division.

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Precedence: PRIORITY **Date:** 11/14/2002

To: Counterterrorism **Attn:** SSA [redacted]
IOS [redacted]

Milwaukee SA [redacted]
SA [redacted]

Minneapolis SSA [redacted], Sq. 5
San Francisco SSA [redacted] Sq. 17B
Sacramento SSA [redacted] Sq. 8;
SA [redacted] Fresno RA

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SSA [redacted]
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From: Bangkok
Contact: [redacted] telephone [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

lead to SA [redacted]

Case ID #: 163C-BK-466-13 (Pending)

Title: HMONG-AMERICANS VISIT
TO NORTHERN THAILAND;
FPC/DT - Thailand

Synopsis: To report investigation at Bangkok.

Administrative: Reference Bangkok EC dated 11/8/2002 captioned as above, which has not yet been uploaded onto ACS.

Enclosure(s): Copy of Chiang Mai cable number CM0289, dated 11/8/2002.

Details: For information of receiving offices, the captioned investigation was initiated at Bangkok following a report from the Consul General in Chiang Mai that a large number of Hmong-American activists have traveled from the U.S. to Northern Thailand within the last couple of weeks for the purpose of attending the funeral of Pa Kao Her, the murdered leader of the Democratic Chao Fa Party (see enclosure). Concurrently, several reports indicated that some or many of these visitors are trying to organize a violent revenge against or military overthrow of the Lao People's Democratic Republic (LPDR), which they believe is responsible for Pa Kao Her's murder.

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For information of Sacramento, Pa Kao Her, also known as (aka) Jeng Sae-Hser, a non-U.S. citizen of approximately 60 years of age, was killed on 10/23/02 in his orange orchard in the village of Ban Huay Kuk, Amphur Wiang Kaen, Chiang Rai province in Thailand. On 10/24/02, his body was taken to the district capital of Nan province, also in Thailand, where a large funeral took place, attended by mourners from the Hmong exile communities around the world, including the captioned group.

It has now been confirmed that Pa Kao Her's remains will be shipped from Bangkok to San Francisco, California via Northwest Airlines flights NW002/NW028 on Friday 11/15/2002, arriving at San Francisco airport at 7:20 am local time on the same date. The casket's destination is Jesse Cooley Funeral Home, 1830 South Fruit Avenue, Fresno, CA 93706, telephone number (559) 268-8048.

On 11/13/2002, [redacted] aka [redacted] of [redacted] province in Thailand, a Hmong male and former associate of Pa Kao Her, provided one copy each of a letter written in the Hmong language and envelope addressed to him from the Lao Family, 5840 Franklin Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95824, with post mark dated 2/21/02, and another letter and envelope addressed to Mr. Ye Lor Yang (deceased) in Chiang Rai province, Thailand from [redacted], also at [redacted] with post mark dated 12/2/2000. Both envelopes bear the same hand-writing.

A review and rough translation of the letter dated 2/1/2002 to [redacted] revealed the following details: b6 b7C

"As you can see, we already killed Ye Lor Yang (phonetic) and his brother, Yong Saeng Her (ph.) and his younger brother. Now, we are going to kill Pa Kao Her and you [redacted] We are not happy with you and [redacted] (identified as [redacted] currently living in [redacted]

"We have examined this closely. Right now, do what you want, but don't get upset with us who are the (real) leaders. Go ahead with your business, but we already got Yong Saeng Her and his brother. As for Mr. Ye and his brother (supra.), we have killed them too, but we apologize for not having warned them in advance. The only ones left now are you [redacted], [redacted] (Pa Kao Her) and [redacted]

"As for you three, we are now writing this letter. We know you have gotten US$20,000 to US$40,000 (from the U.S.) to give to Pa Kao Her and the resistance activities which interfere

with our own. We know where (Pa Kao Her) lives in Chiang Rai, we know where his wife lives. There will be no help for him. By this year 2002 or next year 2003, Pa Kao Her will be dead. We will get him. If not him, then his wife.

"All of you are obstacles to us, and you are not doing the right thing for the Hmong people. Today, we are writing you this letter in advance, because you are Hmong, and we are telling you we cannot forgive you. Since 1975 until the present time, you have not done anything. Moreover, you have taken the weapons from the Chao Fa (the resistance) and sold them to us.

"You are beasts of burden, not working persons. Since we know you are no better than animals, we have to kill you and we can work on the Hmong cause later. As for [redacted], supra.) who is in [redacted], we already have our people watching them, and the only thing that can be said for them is they will have to look out for themselves.

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This letter was signed by [redacted] (sic.), Sacramento Lao Family Community Inc., telephone number [redacted] This entity is known to be affiliated to General Vang Pao's Neo Hom. For information, the second letter dated 12/1/2000 addressed to Ye Lor Yang bears similar threats to the addressee and his brother. According to [redacted] Ye Lor Yang's brother was killed in a drive-by shooting in 2001, and Ye Lor Yang himself was shot and killed in April 2002 by an attendee at a family meeting he hosted to discuss his concerns over the contents of the above letter.

During the interview on 11/13/2002, [redacted] advised that he showed Pa Kao Her the above letter upon receipt, but neither he nor the victim believed they were targeted for a hit by the Lao Family Community, but that the LPDR must have used this tactic to mask their intention to rid of Pa Kao Her, a well-known anti-Lao resistance leader.

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[redacted] went as far as offering proof of the LPDR's culpability in Pa Kao Her's assassination by videotaping an interview of two "eyewitnesses", who happen to be relatives of the deceased, and who claimed that the suspect to the killing has recently fled to Laos to fetch his US$200,000 reward from the Lao government.

On 11/12/2002, Acting Legat [redacted] met [redacted] to discuss the captioned matter and the fact that Pa Kao Her's killing may be a harbinger of future unrest among the Hmong

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community in Thailand. [redacted] ordered the creation of a law enforcement task force in Chiang Rai province to look into the issue and will report results of their findings.

Likewise, Bangkok opines that [redacted] and Pa Kao Her's followers most probably chose the lesser of two evils, the LPDR to blame for the victim's demise instead of the Neo Hom and General Vang Pao, which they are most afraid of. Having been exposed to the many problems caused by the anti-LPDR Hmong activists in Thailand and Laos since 1999, Bangkok has reason to believe that the decision to take Pa Kao Her's remains to the U.S. is mainly political on the part of his supporters, and his death is most likely being used to drum up anti-LPDR fervor among the Hmong exiles as well as money collection for their cause. The so-called videotape of the "eyewitnesses" account will undoubtedly be publicized extensively towards this end. It should be noted that former General Vang Pao and his operatives in the Neo Hom organization succeeded in using the as yet unsolved disappearance of two Hmong Amcits, Houa Ly and [redacted] in 1999 as a political tool to collect several million dollars for their coffers.

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Incidentally, [redacted] has requested political asylum in the U.S. for himself and numerous members of his extended family. If his petition is approved by the United Nations High Commission for Refugees and the U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Services, he would be on his way to the United States, possibly to head or take part in a growing opposition party against the Neo Hom, all in the name of anti-LPDR resistance.

Bangkok will report additional information in separate communications.

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1:

SACRAMENTO

AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

Will initiate a DT preliminary inquiry [redacted] and advise if these individuals have been involved in similar actions or plans to suppress opposing factions on behalf of General Vang Pao.

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Set Lead 2:

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AT FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

Sacramento's attention is being called over political rallies and possible unrest within the Hmong community in Fresno due to the impending arrival of Pa Kao Her's remains and factional struggles that may lead to violence between the supporters of Vang Pao and their opposition.

Set Lead 3:

MINNEAPOLIS

AT ST PAUL, MINNESOTA

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Will contact and interview [redacted] located at [redacted] telephone number [redacted] last known address at [redacted] and query whether they are aware of being the targets of threats as expressed in the 2/21/2002 letter from the Lao Family (supra.). For information, [redacted]

Set Lead 4:

MILWAUKEE

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

SA [redacted] is requested to provide input and comments to the above report, based on current MW investigation on the Neo Hom (file 2-MW-39584). b6 b7C

Set Lead 5: (Adm)

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Precedence: PRIORITY **Date:** 11/13/2002

To: Bangkok **Attn:** ALAT [redacted]

From: Milwaukee
Squad 6
Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

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Case ID #: 163C-BK-466 (Pending)
2-MW-39584 (Pending)
[redacted] (Pending)

Title: HMONG-AMERICAN VISIT
TO NORTHERN THAILAND;
FPC/DT - THAILAND

Synopsis: Lead covered concerning murder of Pa Kao Her.

Reference: 163C-BK-466

Enclosure(s): Enclosed for Bangkok is a FD-302 dated 11/13/02.

Details: On 10/27/02, a Milwaukee source whose credibility has been established and is proven to be highly accurate and timely advised SA [redacted] to report Pa Kao Her was assassinated on 10/23/02 in Thailand. On 11/13/02, SA [redacted] contacted source concerning lead 2. Source was able to provide more detailed information concerning the murder of Pa Kao Her in the enclosed FD-302.

Source will continue to report more information in the future concerning lead 2 as it comes available.

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Lead was covered in coordination with SA [redacted] and his EC dated, 11/12/02.

Milwaukee considers this lead covered.

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Source not in a position to testify provided the following information:

PA KAO HER, leader of the Chao Fa resistance movement was living in Thailand [redacted] PA KAO HER had been getting death threats for approximately one month before his murder on 10/23/02. [redacted] Source advised the there was no information source was aware [redacted] General VANG PAO or Neo Hom were involved in PA KAO HER'S murder.

[redacted]

Source did not have any information at this time concerning the activities of [redacted] or any associates and United Lao/Hmong Congress for Democracy, [redacted]

Investigation on 11/13/02 at [redacted] (telephonically)

File # 163-BK-466, 2-MW-39584, [redacted] Date dictated 11/13/02

by SA [redacted]

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Precedence: PRIORITY Date: 11/08/2002

To: Counterterrorism Attn: SSA [redacted]
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Milwaukee SA [redacted]
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Minneapolis SSA [redacted]
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From: Bangkok
Contact: [redacted], telephone [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]:mnr

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Case ID #: 163C-BK-466 (Pending)

Title: HMONG-AMERICANS VISIT
TO NORTHERN THAILAND;
FPC/DT - Thailand

Synopsis: To report investigation initiated at Bangkok.

Enclosures: Copies of the Proposal for Liberating the Suffering Ethnic Hmong and Bringing Peace and Democracy to Laos and a letter dated 4/9/2002 from LanXang Democracy, Inc.

Details: By way of background information, a well-known local Hmong resistance leader identified as Pa Kao Her, also known as Jeng Sae-Hser (in Thai), approximately 60 years old, was ambushed and killed as he and his wife were walking from his orange orchard in Ban Huay Kuk, Tambon Paw, Amphur Wiang Kaen, Chiang Rai province in Thailand, some 4 or 5 kilometers from the Lao border, at approximately 6:30 pm on Wednesday, October 23, 2002. The murder weapon was believed to be an AK assault rifle and the motive for the crime may be related to some illegal methamphetamine trade in the area. Subsequently, a number of Hmong-Americans have complained to the U.S. Ambassador to Vientiane, Laos that the victim was killed by assassins working for the Lao government.

On 11/7/02, Assistant Regional Security Officer at Bangkok brought to Acting Legat's attention a report from the Consul General (CG) in Chiang Mai, Thailand that there is a large group of Hmong-American and other Americans visiting in Northern Thailand at present, apparently to attend Pa Kao Her's funeral, and concurrently planning a military liberation of Laos.

On instant date, the CG forwarded to Bangkok copies of

the attachments, which are (1) the proposal for liberating Laos, addressed by one Stephen Vang, President of the United Lao/Hmong Congress for Democracy from Eau Claire, Wisconsin to the U.S. Humanitarian Special Operation, the CIA, the US Congress and the White House, and (2) a letter dated 4/9/2002, signed by Moua Sao Bliayang, President of LanXang Democracy, Inc. These documents, obtained from Zong Khang Yang, an American citizen (Amcit) from Minneapolis, indicated that "the resistance leaders are planning to make a major liberation operation" for all the suffering people in Laos, "securing a safe zone for the victims" and ultimately replacing the current regime in Laos.

CG Chiang Mai advised that an American male identified as [redacted] a [redacted] and self-described spokesman of the anti-Laos resistance reportedly planned to purchase arms in Northern Thailand to supply to the Hmong inside Laos. He related accusations by the Hmong activists of possible chemical weapons use and "genocide" by the Lao Government. [redacted] warned that a large gathering of Hmong expatriates will take place in the Nan village on or about December 3, 2002. It should be noted that Pa Kao Her lived in Nan village prior to his death.

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During a meeting with the CG at the US Consulate in Chiang Mai on 11/7/2002, [redacted] made a tearful appeal for the U.S. government's support for the Hmong dissidents' military engagement against the Lao People's Democratic Republic (LPDR) and the overthrow of the Lao government. Additionally, [redacted] made clear to the CG that his group is at odds with General Vang Pao and the Neo Hom (Milwaukee file 2-MW-39584), and suggested that Pa Kao Her may have succumbed to the hands of Vang Pao's operatives.

Upon receipt of the information, supra., Acting Legat conferred with US Embassy officials in Bangkok, Chiang Mai and Vientiane, informed FBI HQ and Milwaukee via Groupwise e-mail and obtained concurrence from all parties that the matter should be brought to the attention of [redacted] which has been requesting information of this nature from the U.S. law enforcement. It is anticipated that the Thais will enthusiastically initiate an investigation into this group's activities, arrest the perpetrators, expel them to their country of origin, and place their names on the black list to prevent future travels to Thailand.

Bangkok will gather additional information on the captioned matter and apprise recipients in separate communications. On 11/12/2002, Acting Legat will meet with the Deputy Commissioner General for Special Tasks and the Commander of Division 2, [redacted] to inform them on the above.

ACS record searches on the above names yielded too many possible and no perfect match due to missing identifying personal data, such as DOBs, POBs, etc. Investigation continuing at Bangkok.

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1:

MINNEAPOLIS

AT MINNEAPOLIS, MN

Will query established sources and provide any and all available information on [redacted] and associates who may be traveling to Thailand and Laos and LanXang Democracy, Inc. located at [redacted] telephone number [redacted] and any report of subversive planning against the LPDR by these individuals.

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Set Lead 2:

MILWAUKEE

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

SA [redacted] is requested to query established sources and provide any and all information on [redacted] and associates who may be traveling to Thailand and Laos and the United Lao/Hmong Congree for Democracy, the Asian Tour and Culture Research, P.O. Box 1143 in Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54702, telephone number (715) 835-5170 and any report of subversive planning against the LPDR by these individuals.

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Set Lead 3:

COUNTERTERRORISM

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

Will advise results of consultation with the Department of Justice regarding possible violation of the Neutrality Law by the above Amcits and advise if they are subject to any penalty upon their return to the U.S. from Thailand.

Set Lead 4:

BANGKOK

AT BANGKOK, THAILAND

Will continue to monitor the situation, consult US

Embassy and Consulate officials in Thailand and Laos, coordinate investigation with the [redacted]

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Set Lead 5: (Adm)

INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Source not in a position to testify provided a medium box of documents related to General VANG PAO and Neo Hom. The box of documents is stored in the Milwaukee Division Evidence Control Facility.

Investigation on 11/18/02 at [redacted] WI

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Source not in a position to testify provided the following information:

On 10/27/02, Source called SA [redacted] voice mail and reported that on [redacted]

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Investigation on 10/27/02 at [redacted], WI (telephonically)

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by SA [redacted]

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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 12/18/2002

To: Counterterrorism **Attn:** SSA [redacted] Room 5425
IOS [redacted] Room 5425

Bangkok **Attn:** Legat [redacted]
ALAT [redacted]

Los Angeles **Attn:** SARA-4
Minneapolis **Attn:** Squad 5/JTTF
SSA [redacted]

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From: Milwaukee
Squad 9
Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

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Title: GENERAL VANG PAO;
DBA-NEO HOM;
UNITED FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF LAOS;
NEUTRALITY MATTERS;

Synopsis: Milwaukee is closing captioned matter due to insufficient evidence in the Eastern District of Wisconsin (EDW) to support a prosecution under the Neutrality Act statutes. In addition, an independent review of captioned matter does not indicate a viable RICO case either in EDW.

Reference: 2-MW-39584 Serial 602

Details: Referenced communication requested that captioned matter be independently reviewed by Milwaukee's White Collar Crime Squad and evaluated for possible violations of the RICO statues.

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On 09/23/2002, SSA [redacted], completed his review (serial 603) as requested above. SSA [redacted] found there was not significant potential for a RICO case. The primary problem with attempting a RICO prosecution in this matter would be the lack of venue in the EDW as it pertains to predicate offenses. The majority of criminal acts appear to take place in California. The United States Attorney's Office (USAO), EDW, has also indicated there is not sufficient evidence for a viable RICO prosecution in the EDW. Moreover, earlier this year the USAO, EDW, expressed an opinion that Milwaukee should close its investigation due to insufficient evidence for a prosecutable Neutrality case.

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In view of the above, Milwaukee is closing this investigation. Copies of this communication are being provided to the Santa Ana Resident Agency (SARA) due to the fact that Vang Pao resides in Westminster, California, and to Minneapolis, the former Office of Origin (OO) in captioned matter. Any further investigation is being left to the discretion of Los Angles and Minneapolis.

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1:

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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to
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330 East Kilbourn Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202
January 9, 2003

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The Honorable Steven M. Biskupic
United States Attorney
Eastern District of Wisconsin
517 East Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Re: General Vang Pao

Dear Mr. Biskupic:

The purpose of this letter is to seek a prosecutive opinion in this matter based upon previous consultations with your office and a summary of the investigation which is being provided.

In January 2001, the Milwaukee Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) assumed an investigative role into a Neutrality Act violation involving Vang Pao, a 73 year-old, United States citizen who resides in the Los Angeles area. The FBI initially acted upon a complaint by [redacted] and [redacted] that sometime around April 19, 1999, their cousins, Houa Ly and [redacted] had disappeared and were believed to have been abducted by agents of the Government of Laos (GOL) while visiting Thailand. b6 b7C

Subsequent investigation indicated that Ly and Vang were actually members of an armed resistance movement known as the Neo Hom. A reliable source provided information that former Hmong Major General Vang Pao, the leader of the Neo Hom in the United States, ordered Houa Ly and [redacted] to cross the Thai border into Laos on April 19, 1999, to conduct an insurgency mission. However, that source remains unwilling to testify. An interview with Vang Pao, which occurred on March 11, 2000, at Minneapolis, Minnesota, was unproductive. b6 b7C

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A large number of interviews were conducted in this investigation, including family members of Ly[redacted] known or suspected members of the Neo Hom, and individuals suspected of having participated in past insurgency missions. No witnesses were developed who would be willing to testify about Vang Pao's involvement in insurgency missions against the GOL. Other investigative techniques utilized during the course of the investigation included trash covers, pen register, trap and trace, and Ex Parte Requests for tax returns for Vang Pao and individuals residing in Wisconsin. Generally, these efforts met with negative results. b6 b7C

The Milwaukee Office of the FBI appreciates the assistance of the United States Attorneys Office in this matter.

Sincerely,

DAVID B. MITCHELL
Special Agent in Charge

By:

[redacted] b6 b7C

Supervisory Spacial Agent

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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 12/27/2002

To: Milwaukee
Counterterrorism

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Attn: SA [redacted]
SSA [redacted]
IOS [redacted]

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From: Minneapolis
Squad 5/JTTF
Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]:bh

Case ID #: 2-MW-39584 (Pending) -615

Title: General Vang Pao;
DBA-Neo Hom;
United Front For Liberation of Laos;
Neutrality Matters

Synopsis: To provide information provided by source.

(S) **Details:** On 12/20/2002, [redacted] provided the following information; [redacted] Source [redacted] Source [redacted]

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(S) [redacted] stated that [redacted] Source also advised [redacted]

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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 12/27/2002

To: Counterterrorism **Attn:** SSA [redacted]
IOS [redacted]
✓Milwaukee SA [redacted]
International Operations UCA [redacted]
SSA [redacted]

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From: Minneapolis
Squad 5/JTTF
Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]:bh

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Case ID #: 163C-BK-466 (Pending) 22

Title: HMONG-AMERICANS VISIT
TO NORTHERN THAILAND;
FPC/DT - THAILAND

Synopsis: Asset reporting regarding captioned matter, lead coverage.

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Details: On 12/20/2002, [redacted] advised the following; [redacted]

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Source not in a position to testify, provided the following information on 2/2/03:

[redacted]

Investigation on 2/4/03 at [redacted] WI (telephonically)

File # 163C-BK-466, 2-MW-39584, [redacted] Date dictated

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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 02/04/2003

To: Counterterrorism **Attn:** SSA [redacted]
IOS [redacted]
ALAT [redacted]
Squad 5
SSA [redacted]

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From: Milwaukee
Squad 5
Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] DCS

Case ID #: 163C-BK-466 (Pending) 27
2-MW-39584 (Closed) 620

Title: HMONG - AMERICANS VISIT
TO NORTHERN THAILAND
FPC/DT - Thailand

GENERAL VANG PAO
DBA- NEO HOM
4/11/99
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

Synopsis: To send information to counterterrorism and Legat Bangkok concerning information of recent anti communist resistance activity.

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Enclosure(s): Enclosed for counterterrorism and Bangkok is one copy each of an FD-302 dated 2/4/03.

Details: On 2/2/03, [redacted] source provided information

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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 02/19/2003

To: Milwaukee **Attn:** SA [redacted]
Minneapolis SA
Sacramento SA
Bangkok SA

From: Counterterrorism
GOU / ITOS II, Rm 4913
Contact: SSA [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 2-SC-36616 -3 (Pending)
163C-BK-466 25 (Pending)

Title: [redacted]
[redacted] LAO FAMILY COMMUNITY INC.;
NEUTRALITY MATTERS
AOT-DT-VC

HMONG-AMERICANS VISIT
TO NORTHERN THAILAND;
FPC/DT - THAILAND

Synopsis: Set leads for receiving offices to canvas logical sources for information relevant to the February 07, 2003 attack on a bus and other road traffic near Vang Vieng, Vientiane Province, Laos which left approximately 12 dead and 26 wounded.

Details: Legat, Bangkok has requested receiving offices seek any information relevant to the Vang Vieng attack which would indicate involvement between the insurgent forces and Hmong-Americans in the United States.

The attack occurred at approximately 0830 on February 07, 2003 five kilometers north of Vang Vieng, Vientiane Province, Laos, a well-know beauty spot about 170 kilometers (110 miles) north of the capital, Vientiane. The first victim appears to have been a farmer on his tractor, followed by two people on motorbikes, a family in their pick-up truck, a tri-wheeled motorbike, and two European cyclist. The farmer, hit in several places, threw himself into a

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LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1:

MILWAUKEE

AT MILWAUKEE, WI

Receiving offices are asked to canvas logical sources for information relevant to the February 07, 2003 attack on a bus and other road traffic near Vang Vieng, Vientiane Province, Laos which left 12 dead and 26 wounded and report any positive results to Legat, Bangkok, Thailand, and GOU/ITOS II/CTD.

Set Lead 2:

MINNEAPOLIS

AT MINNEAPOLIS, MN

Receiving offices are asked to canvas logical sources for information relevant to the February 07, 2003 attack on a bus and other road traffic near Vang Vieng, Vientiane Province, Laos which left 12 dead and 26 wounded and report any positive results to Legat, Bangkok, Thailand, and GOU/ITOS II/CTD.

Set Lead 3:

SACRAMENTO

AT SACRAMENTO, CA

Receiving offices are asked to canvas logical sources for information relevant to the February 07, 2003 attack on a bus and other road traffic near Vang Vieng, Vientiane Province, Laos which left 12 dead and 26 wounded and report any positive results to Legat, Bangkok, Thailand, and GOU/ITOS II/CTD.

Set Lead 4:

BANGKOK

AT BANGKOK, THAILAND

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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 02/25/2003

To: Counterterrorism **Attn:** SSA [redacted]
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IOS [redacted], GOU/ITOS II

Criminal Investigative
Milwaukee
SSA [redacted] ACEU, OCS
SSA [redacted]
SA [redacted] Squad 9
SA [redacted] Sq. 5

Minneapolis
SSA [redacted]
SA [redacted] Squad 5

Sacramento
SA [redacted]

International Operations
UC [redacted]
SSA [redacted]
IOS [redacted] OIO, IOU II

From: Bangkok
Contact: [redacted] telephone [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]:mnr

Case ID #: (U) 2-MW-39584-022 (Closed)
(U) 2-SC-36616-4 (Pending)
(U) 163C-BK-466-28 (Pending)
(U) 163A-BK-342-596 (Pending)

Title: (U) GENERAL VANG PAO, DBA NEO HOM,
United Front for Liberation of Laos;
Neutrality Matters;
OO: MW

[redacted] ETAL;
DBA Lao Family Community Inc.,
Neutrality Matters;
AOT-DT-VC;
OO: SC

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HMONG-AMERICANS VISIT
To Northern Thailand;
FPC/DT - Thailand
HOUA LY - VICTIM;
[redacted] Victim;

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To: Counterterrorism From: Bangkok
Re: (U) 2-MW-39584, 02/25/2003

FPC;

HOUA LY - VICTIM;
[redacted] - Victim;
FPC;
OO: BK

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Synopsis: (U) To report the 2/21/2003 meeting with the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State (DAS) Matthew P. Daley and Ambassador Douglas A. Hartwick at the American Embassy in Bangkok, Thailand.

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Reference: (U) 2-MW-39584 Serial 613
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(U) 163C-BK-466 Serial 25

Referral/Direct

Details: (C) [redacted]

Agency heads [redacted] DEA, Consular Affairs, Political Affairs, Refugee & Migration Affairs, Regional Security Officer, Legat and ALAT. In the afternoon on the same day, the Ambassador to Laos, Douglas A. Hartwick chaired yet another closed-door meeting to elaborate on the same issues.

(U) As expected, the Lao People's Democratic Republic (LPDR) government officials attributed the aforementioned attack to local banditry, in spite of reports by at least five eyewitnesses on the scene that the perpetrators were heavily armed with Chinese-made AK-47s, American M-16 machine guns and even an American M-79 grenade launcher.

(U) It should be noted that the Viang Vieng incident is to date the most blatant attack which occurred in plain daylight, on a well-traveled road not far from the Capital of Vientiane in Laos. The gunmen, reportedly dressed as Hmong and speaking the Hmong dialect, moved among the wounded, shooting them where they lay. A note allegedly left at the scene by the

perpetrators but confiscated by the Lao authorities claimed that they have been robbed of their nationalities and are fighting to take it back. In the year 2000, a spate of mysterious bombings victimized the people and rocked the foreign diplomatic community in Vientiane, but were apparently not enough to convince the LPDR government to take a pro-active stance against terrorist attacks in their own territory. No groups have claimed credit for these terrorist attacks. Referral/Direct

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(U) In January 2001, Milwaukee Division initiated an investigation into possible Neutrality Act violation by the Neo Hom and General Vang Pao. On 12/18/2002, via referenced Serial 613, Milwaukee Case Agent informed that this investigation was being closed at Milwaukee due to insufficient evidence to support a prosecution under the Neutrality Act statute. Furthermore, MW Case Agent advised that an independent review of the matter does not indicate a viable RICO case that would be endorsed by the

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United States Attorney Office (USA) in the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

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(U) The above report is being furnished to the Counterterrorism, Organized Crime Sections and the Office of International Operations in anticipation of a request by the State Department for FBI participation in such a gathering in the future.

To: Counterterrorism From: Bangkok
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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 02/18/2003

To: CJIS **Attn:** Unit Cheif [redacted]

From: Milwaukee
Contact: [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] mc

Case ID #: 2-MW-39584 - 6097 (Closed)

Title: VIOLENT GANG AND TERRORIST ORGANIZATION SILENT HIT FILE

Synopsis: Request CJIS to cancel subject from the Silent Hit File.

Details: It is requested that CJIS cancel the following subject from the Silent Hit File due to case being closed.

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LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1:

CJIS

AT CLARKSBURG, WV

CJIS is requested to remove subject from the Silent Hit File.

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Precedence: ROUTINE Date: 02/28/2003

To: Milwaukee Attn: [redacted]

Counterterrorism NJSAWS/TWWU
SSA [redacted]

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From: CJIS
Programs Development Section/Global Initiatives
Unit/Module C3
Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

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Case ID #: 66F-HQ-C1250689-VGTOFTERR

Title: CJIS DIVISION VIOLENT GANG AND TERRORIST ORGANIZATION FILE; VGTOF CASE ASSISTANCE-TERRORISTS; REMOVED RECORD FOR SILENT HIT

Synopsis: Confirmation for silent hit record removed from NCIC.

Details: The Criminal Justice Information Services Division removed one silent hit record from the National Crime Information Center for the Milwaukee Division.

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Adm)

MILWAUKEE

AT MILWAUKEE, WI

Attention: [redacted]

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Set Lead 2:

COUNTERTERRORISM

AT WASHINGTON, DC

Attention: Chief, NJSAWS/TWWU

The Criminal Justice Information Services Division removed one silent hit record from the National Crime Information Center for the Milwaukee Division. Please reference electronic communication 2-MW-39584 for the subject.

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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 03/17/2003

To: Milwaukee **Attn:** SA [redacted]
Counterterrorism **Attn:** SSA [redacted]
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From: Minneapolis
Squad 5/JTTF
Contact: SA [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]:bh

Case ID #: 2-MW-39584 (Closed)

Title: General Vang Pao;
DBA-Neo Hom;
United Front For Liberation of Laos;
Neutrality Matters

Synopsis: To Provide information provided by source.

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AT MILWAUKEE

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COUNTERTERRORISM

AT WASHINGTON, DC

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AT BANKOK

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To: Counterterrorism **Attn:** SSA [redacted]
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International Operations **Attn:** AUC
SSA [redacted]
IOS [redacted] IOU II

Bangkok **Attn:** ALAT [redacted]

Minneapolis **Attn:** Squad 5
SSA [redacted]

Sacramento **Attn:** SA [redacted] Fresno RA

From: Milwaukee
Squad 5
Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 163C-BK-466 (Pending) -30
2-MW-39584 (Closed) -627

Title: HMONG - AMERICANS VISIT
TO NORTHERN THAILAND
FPC/DT - Thailand

GENERAL VANG PAO
DBA - NEO HOM
4/11/99
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

Synopsis: To send information to the above listed offices regarding possible future resistance activity.

Enclosure(s): Enclosed for counterterrorism, international operations, Legat Bangkok and Minneapolis is a copy of a FD-302 dated 3/11/03.

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Details: On 3/5/03 [redacted] source with proven reliability [redacted]

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[redacted] will advise if more information become available.

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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 03/18/2003

To: Counterterrorism **Attn:** SSA [redacted]
IOS
Milwaukee SA [redacted]
International Operations UCA [redacted]
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Bangkok SA [redacted]

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From: Minneapolis
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Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]:bh

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Title: General Vang Pao;
DBA-Neo Hom;
United Front For Liberation of Laos;
Neutrality Matters

Hmong-Americans Visit;
To Northern Thailand;
FPC/DT - Thailand

(S) **Synopsis:** Asset reporting regarding captioned matter.

Details: On 03/17/2003, [redacted] advised the following;

(S) [redacted]

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Source remains in a position to continue providing information regarding captioned matters.

To: Counterterrorism From: Minneapolis
Re: 163C-BK-466, 03/18/2003

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Adm)

COUNTERTERRORISM

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

For Information.

Set Lead 2:

BANGKOK

AT BANGKOK

(S) For information. Advise MP of any further tasking requirements for [redacted] b1 b3

Set Lead 3: (Adm)

MILWAUKEE

AT MILWAUKEE

For information.

Set Lead 4: (Adm)

INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS

AT WASHINGTON, DC

For information.

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[redacted] (PROTECT IDENTITY), [redacted] cellular telephone number [redacted] was called by SA [redacted] After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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To: Counterterrorism **Attn:** SSA [redacted]
IOS [redacted]

International Operations **Attn:** AUC [redacted]
SSA [redacted]
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Bangkok **Attn:** ALAT [redacted]

Minneapolis **Attn:** Squad 5
SSA [redacted]

Sacramento **Attn:** SA [redacted] Fresno RA

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From: Milwaukee
Squad 5
Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] cpcs

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Title: HMONG - AMERICANS VISIT
TO NORTHERN THAILAND
FPC/DT - Thailand

GENERAL VANG PAO
DBA - NEO HOM
4/11/99
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

Synopsis: To send information to the above listed offices regarding former Major General Vang Pao.

Enclosure(s): Enclosed for counterterrorism, international operations, Legat Bangkok and Minneapolis is a copy of a FD-302 dated 3/25/03.

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Details: On 3/25/03, [redacted] (PROTECT SOURCE), provided information

[redacted]

[redacted] listed the telephone number to Vang Pao at 9302 England Avenue, Westminster, CA. The telephone number was called several times by former subjects of the closed Milwaukee case 2-MW-39584. TA also associates [redacted] with cases 281E-DE-86555 and 166C-DE-75107. b7E

More details are included in the enclosed FD-302.

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Re: 163C-BK-466, 03/25/2003

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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 03/31/2003

To: Milwaukee **Attn:** IT Supervisor
SA [redacted]

From: Counterterrorism
ITOS II/GOU/4913
Contact: SSA [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] :kms

Case ID #: 2-MW-39584-63 (Pending)

Title: General Vang Pao;
DBA - Neo Hom;
United Front for the Liberation of Laos;
Neutrality Matters

Synopsis: To provide the enclosed items to the office of origin.

Enclosure(s): Enclosed are two videotapes and one audio cassette tape regarding General Vang Pao.

Details: The purpose of this communication is to provide your office with copies of the enclosed tapes. Enclosed are two video tapes titled, "Neo Hom demonstration against Ambassador Wendy Chamberlin in visit to Saint Paul, MN 2 July 1998" and "General Vang Pao & General Thonglith with the resistance in Laos - 1989". Additionally, enclosed is an audio cassette titled, "Gen. Vang Pao's order to the Hmong refugees in Thailand: not to go to the USA. Feb. 87". It is believed that these tapes are work copies and being provided to your office as office of origin and for any action deemed appropriate.

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LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Discretionary)

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Source, who is no longer active, provided the following information: b6 b7C b7D

Source [redacted]

Source [redacted]

Source advised [redacted]

Source [redacted]

On 07/08/2003, Source contacted [redacted]

Source advised [redacted]

Investigation on 07/03-08/2003 at [redacted] (telephonically)

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Source further advised that [redacted]

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Source advised that [redacted]

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To: Bangkok **Attn:** LEGAT [redacted]
Counterterrorism **Attn:** ITOS II
UC [redacted]
Milwaukee **Attn:** SA
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Minneapolis **Attn:** SA

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Case ID #: 2-MW-39584-637 (Closed)

Title: NEO HOM;
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Synopsis: Source reporting regarding the activities of the Neo Hom and Naw Karl Mua.

Administrative: This source has provided reliable information in the past and is now closed. He/she does not wish to be recontacted unless there is a serious commitment by the US Government to prosecute Vang and/or the Neo Hom. Source feels that otherwise, his/her cooperation is dangerous to his/her well-being.

Enclosure(s): Enclosed for receiving offices is an FD-302 of Source interview.

Details: Minneapolis may wish to take notice of the intended meeting of the former King of Laos with members of the Neo Hom, scheduled for approximately July 17-18, 2003. Source has no information that there is any violence planned against the King, or during the meeting.

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Title: General Vang Pao;
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Synopsis: Asset reporting regarding captioned matter.

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Case ID #: 2-MW-39584-649 (Closed)

Title: NEO HOM;
GENERAL VANG PAO
NEUTRALITY ACT

Synopsis: To report information concerning the activities of General Vang Pao.

Referral/Consult

Enclosure(s): Enclosed for receiving offices are recent news articles concerning Vang Pao's sharp stance reversal.

Details: [redacted]

On November 26, at the Prom Center in Oakdale, Minnesota, Vang Pao spoke at a two day Hmong event. Vang Pao said he would back trade relations with Laos if the Communist government would uphold civil rights laws. Congress has been working with the Ambassador of Laos to try and normalize trade relations. McCullom was concerned that Vang Pao was upset that

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the Ambassador to Laos had called the jungle people terrorists. She was also concerned that Vang Pao may be planning to call the jungle Hmong to arms. According to McCollum, the General does not follow international or United States laws.

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McCollum advised that the Hmong people are comfortable talking to her due to her working on trade legislation with Laos. She advised that [redacted] telephone number [redacted] would be available to give more details regarding the elders who had been pressured into donating money to Vang Pao's cause. [redacted] advises Representative [redacted] on Hmong issues. [redacted] is well versed on the Hmong history and traditions. He has been a help to the FBI Minneapolis office in the past.

On 12/2/2003, [redacted] advised telephonically that he felt the General's stance reversal was due to pressure from the Hmong professionals. The Hmong professional community has been putting pressure on the General to change his methods. The old methods weren't very successful and gave a bad name to the cause. [redacted] advised that many of the elders and veterans have been scammed by the General. The General was selling promotions within his Army. [redacted] has some of the phony documents showing the alleged "promotions". He will provide the documents to the Minneapolis office.

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- City, county, state and federal government offices are closed.
- Public libraries are closed.
- Metro Transit buses on holiday schedules.

EAST METRO

Hmong leader outlines reconciliation with Laos

Xailo Vang, a veteran of the Vietnam War-era military of Laos, provides security Wednesday during a gathering with Gen. Vang Pao.

Gen. Vang Pao

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been the subject of a long-running debate among the Hmong, broadly dividing the community into those thought to favor overthrowing the government and those who would pursue diplomacy.

Vang Pao, in comments translated by son Cha Vang during a news conference, said his "goal had always been bringing peace, prosperity and happiness to the people of Laos." The timing for his newly announced approach, however, has not been right until now.

"Peace, prosperity and happiness do not come from the end of a barrel of a rifle," the general declared. "But rather, they come from dialogue. ... They come after mutual respect, acceptance and trust.

"For this plan to work, it will take cooperation from the communist Lao leaders in Vientiane. I ask these leaders to be courageous and to join us in this most important endeavor for the betterment of the country and the people. Let us put aside our differences from the past and build a brighter future for the people of Laos."

Stephen B. Young, former dean of Hamline Law School and a longtime political adviser to the general, characterized the shift as one from a policy of confrontation to one of reconciliation.

The general called for reaching out to the communist governments in Laos and Vietnam, "slowly taking a step-by-step process of creating mutual trust, mutual understanding and mutual tolerance."

He demanded a cease-fire and an end to the Lao communist government's reputed tactic of using starvation as a way to exterminate minority Hmong and Lao who had fled to the jungles of northern Laos. He asked for the United Nations to take the lead in creating safe zones for those in the mountains and providing humanitarian aid. Work also should begin on resettling them to other countries, if necessary, the general said.

Vang Pao said he would support a proposal introduced by U.S. Rep. Betty McCollum, D-St. Paul, to normalize trade relations with Laos if the government improves its human rights record.

"I'm happy to see the general's new way of bringing peace and prosperity to Laos," said Dr. Khamphai Abhay of Australia, health minister in the Royal Lao government that fell to the communists. He was one of several former officials and representatives of the royal family who joined the general on the dais.

Young said he had had many conversations with representatives from Vietnam about the possibility of reconciliation.

"It is my judgment that they would welcome the new direction and the new plan that Gen. Vang Pao has announced," Young said.

Pobzeb Vang, executive director of the Lao Human Rights Council of Eau Claire, Wis., said he supported the general's doctrine and hoped the U.S. government would.

"This is a new beginning," Pobzeb Vang said. "It's time to end the fighting and forget the past."

Philip Smith, of the Center for Public Policy Analysis in Washington, D.C., said he represented more than 30 Hmong and Lao organizations — including the Lao Students Movement for Democracy, some independent chapters of the Lao Veterans of America and Hmong International Human Rights Watch — that have deep concerns about the general's new direction.

The groups he works with, Smith said, will continue to oppose normalized trade relations regardless of the general's stance.

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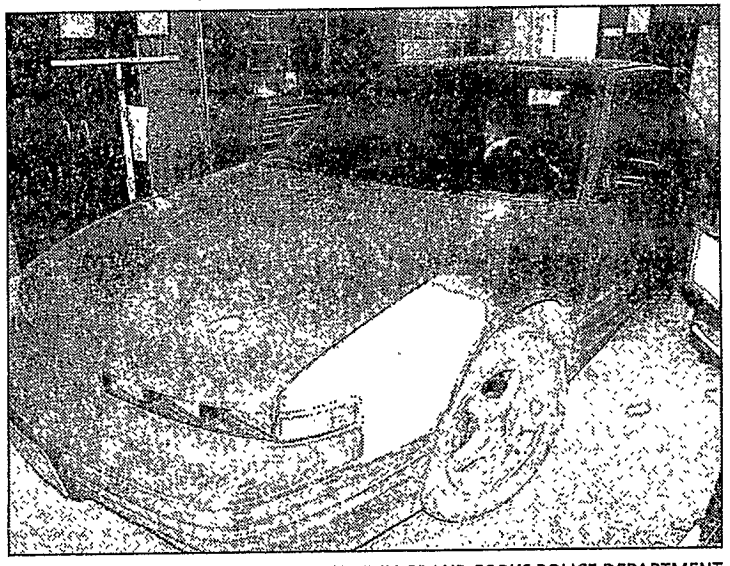
and gray primer paint on the driver's side front panel to jog the memory of anyone who may have seen something suspicious in the Columbia Mall parking lot on Saturday, Capt. Mike Kirby said.

Sjodin's mother, Linda Walker, of Pequot Lakes, said she believes someone knows where her daughter is. She said the family is "pleading that they would come forward with her

REWARD OFFERED

- A reward of up to $50,000 is being offered in the disappearance of Dru Sjodin, who is about 5 feet 5 inches and weighs about 130 pounds, has frosted blond hair and blue eyes. She was last seen wearing black slacks, black loafers, a pink and purple V-neck blouse, a black blazer-style jacket and carrying a small black handbag.
- Grand Forks, N.D., police: 701-787-8000. Tip line: 701-780-8213.



COURTESY GRAND FORKS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police in Grand Forks, N.D., on Wednesday released a photo of

To compete, UW-River Falls is seeking about $2.2 million to upgrade facilities, including locker rooms and dormitories. The university's efforts are being backed by the student senate, the local business community and state officials, including Sen. Sheila Harsdorf, R-River Falls, and Gov. Jim Doyle, a Democrat.

"It's not dissimilar to the Vikings (and Mankato) situation. We have some shortcomings, facility-wise," Halada said.

Halada and others contend that keeping the Chiefs is good for students, who can use the improved facilities, and the community. Having the Chiefs in town for three weeks every August puts the Kinnickinnic River community of 13,000 on the media map, and it draws a fair amount of money.

How much money?

The UW-River Falls Survey Research Center estimates that the camp brings in more than $2 million each year and attracts 10,000 to 15,000 people from 30 states.

The fans spend more than $1.6 million during training camp, and the Chiefs spend another $500,000 or so to rent university facilities.

Football tourists spend most of their money on lodging, followed by food and gas. Most also spend money on side trips, with the Mall of America being the most popular.

NFL camps once had a major impact across Wisconsin.

At its peak in 1995, the so-called Cheese League featured five NFL training camps — the Green Bay Packers in De Pere and Green Bay; the Chicago Bears in Platteville; the New Orleans Saints in La Crosse; the Jacksonville Jaguars in Stevens Point; and the Chiefs.

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GEN. VANG PAO, IN COMMENTS TRANSLATED DURING WEDNESDAY'S NEWS CONFERENCE

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The Chiefs have held their preseason camp at the UW-River Falls for 13 years but no longer have a contract with the university. The team may return next summer — and enjoy the college's food service extraordinaire Alcantar's elaborate meals — but the Chiefs are also entertaining offers from five colleges closer to home.

Northwest Missouri State, Southwest Missouri State, Central Missouri State, Missouri Western State College and Pittsburgh State in Kansas all are wooing the Chiefs.

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- State, city of St. Paul and Ramsey, Washington, Hennepin, Dakota and Anoka county offices are closed.
- City of Minneapolis and federal offices are open.
- Public libraries are open, except in Anoka County.
- Metro Transit and other regional transit providers have revised service.
- Parking meters are not enforced in St. Paul and Minneapolis.
- Most banks and credit unions are open.

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Sites serving free Thanksgiving dinner.

ONLINE

With no El Niño or La Niña to influence the weather, anything could happen this winter. Read the latest Weather Weblog entry at www.twincities.com.

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Hmong leader Gen. Vang Pao is interviewed Wednesday at the Prom Center in Oakdale after sharing his proposal to consider softening the stance of the Hmong community and the United States toward the communist governments of Laos and Vietnam.

But communists also must compromise, he says

BY TODD NELSON
Pioneer Press

Gen. Vang Pao, the Hmong leader recruited by the CIA to battle communists in Laos during the Vietnam War, announced Wednesday he would support normalizing trade relations with the Lao communist government if it were to substantially improve its human rights record and meet other conditions.

The declaration on the controversial trade proposal was one element of a sweeping "Doctrine on Laos and Southeast Asia" the general made public before Hmong and Lao leaders from across the country and overseas during a conference at the Prom Center in Oakdale.

Organizers said more than 500 people attended the gathering, which comes as thousands of Hmong and Lao attend this weekend's Hmong New Year celebration in St. Paul. With more than 24,000 Hmong counted in the 2000 census, St. Paul has the largest Hmong population of any U.S. city.

The general also called for what amounts to a cease-fire with his former adversaries in Laos and Vietnam, 28 years after his communists foes prevailed. The general's conditional support for better U.S. trade with Laos and his desire to reconcile with his old enemies marked a stunning shift for the 73-year-old staunch anti-communist.

The issue of how — or whether — to engage the Lao communist government and to bring about change in Laos has

GEN. VANG PAO, 4B

Beginning Friday, Hmong mark the New Year with downtown St. Paul celebration

St. Paul's 28th annual Hmong New Year celebration starts Friday at RiverCentre. The festival features a mix of traditional and new food, music and games.

New to this year's celebration are a raffle with electronics equipment prizes and a traditional courtship game where single men and women can meet.

St. Paul hosts one of the country's premier Hmong New Year celebrations, with people traveling from many other states to attend. With nearly 42,000 Hmong, Minnesota's population trails only California's. St. Paul has the largest Hmong population of any city in the country with more than 24,000.

When: Friday through Sunday, 8 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Where: Touchstone Energy Place and Roy Wilkins Auditorium at RiverCentre, 175 W. Kellogg Blvd.

Tickets: $5 at the door, $4 in advance

Information: 651-265-4800 or visit www.rivercentre.org

Parking: Check out the PARK SMART! map on the Minnesota Wild Web site, www.wild.com for parking alternatives.

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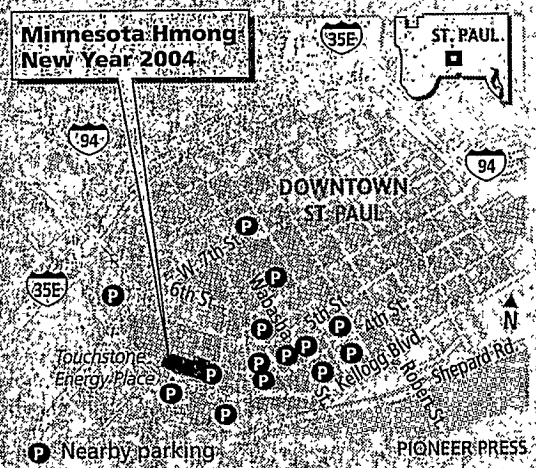

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Police, UND student's family renew pleas

'Somebody has some information' as search for missing 22-year-old continues

BY DAVE KOLPACK

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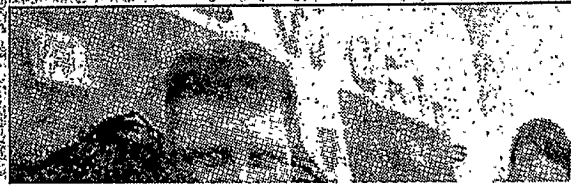

McCollum praises policy shift by Hmong general Vang Pao

By Lucy Y. Her
Star Tribune Staff Writer

U.S. Rep. Betty McCollum said Thursday that she welcomes Gen. Vang Pao's call this week to end "the era of killing" in Laos and to start working toward peace.

McCollum, D-Minn., introduced legislation in September to normalize relations with Laos. She said that having Vang, who led CIA-backed Hmong forces during the Vietnam War, on board will help garner support for trade.

This is "a positive first step forward," she said.

In the past, the general has been a vocal supporter of overthrowing the Laotian government, so his comments appear to mark a sharp reversal in his stance, which McCollum said will be welcomed in Washington.

Rep. Betty McCollum welcomed Vang's remarks.

McCollum, who represents many members of Minnesota's Hmong community, said the Hmong have a lot to gain through normalized trade relations with Laos, "so I encourage Gen. Vang Pao and his followers to work with Congress and the State Department to continue advancing a policy to improve human rights in Laos and economic opportunities for both countries."

Vang said at a conference Wednesday in Oakdale that he will only back trade with Laos if the Communist government there upholds human rights laws, especially for the Hmong.

"Our policy is exactly the same," said Bill Harper, McCollum's spokesman. "We want human rights."

McCollum added that U.S. groups that support rebels who terrorize Lao civilians need to stop their support so that there can be peace. "I strongly encourage those who have been supporting violence and terror to embrace a policy that supports universal human rights in Laos," she said.

Lucy Y. Her is at lher@startribune.com.

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BORDER SECURITY

Lao resistance forces stronger

US-based Hmong sending them cash

Post reporters
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Resistance forces in the Lao border province of Sayaboury have become more active after receiving financial support from Hmong based in the United States, including former military leader Gen Vang Pao, security sources have revealed.

"Increased financial support from Hmong in the US has revived the resistance movement inside Laos, especially in Sayaboury, opposite Nan province," said an army officer in charge of border security.

Led by Gen Vang Pao's son, Wanjong Saewang, an upsurge in rebel activities over the past year had prompted Vientiane to set up a combined special forces unit with the Vietnamese military, sources said.

"Laos requested support from Vietnam in tackling the resistance movement in July," said an intelligence officer from the Third Army. "An agreement was reached recently to form a combined special forces unit in Sayaboury to deal with the problem."

Lao troops had deployed hundreds of booby traps along the border opposite Song Khwae, Chalermphrakiat, Thung Chang and Chiang Klang districts in Nan, sources said.

Security had been reinforced and curfews imposed at several border locations to curb the resistance movement.

"They have also strengthened intelligence units along the border," sources said. The intelligence officer said the resistance forces had killed at least 12 Lao border troops and officials over the past year. The most daring raid occurred in mid-July, when an official was killed in broad daylight at Nam-ngern pass, opposite Huay Kon, he said.

Two months later, eight troops were killed and 10 wounded while patrolling a river near Hongsa town.

Wanjong Saewang was allegedly supported by military commander Rawi sae Maa and Tai sae Wang, who recruited Hmong living in the North to the resistance movement.

"With huge financial support from the US, they have been able to recruit local Hmong from the North and Saraburi's Tham Krabok district," said a cavalry officer.

Vientiane was aware the rebels took refuge in our country, he said.

Over the past few months, Hmong living in the North had admitted being paid for taking part in cross-border missions into Laos.

"Unless we can block their financial support, the movement will be hard to control," said a security officer.

280,000 migrants nabbed

Immigration authorities last year arrested more than 280,000 illegal alien migrants, most of whom were Burmese nationals, said the deputy chief of the Immigration Police Bureau.

workers were from Burma, Cambodia and Laos.

Of the 91,451 illegal migrants, 52,781 were Burmese, 23,700 Cambodians and 6,098 Lao.

SCIENCE

Planning for research body merger almost done

Hopes for speedier approval of funds

Ranjana Wangvipula

Planning for the merger of two state research organisations is expected to be complete this month.

The move to combine the National Research Council of Thailand and the Thailand Research Fund began late last year after cabinet asked a task force to improve the national research policy.

Research chiefs hope the new agency will be free of bureaucratic controls which are notorious for slowing down research grants.

"If the new structure puts the fund under the bureaucratic system, the merger would not work," said the fund's director Piyawat Boon-Long.

The Thai Research Fund (TRF) is a government agency but is not required to follow bureaucratic practices. It was set up in 1992.

A university entomologist, whose work was once financed by the fund, said speedy approval of research funding was important because some studies should not be delayed.

A panel led by social scientist Chai-Anan Samudavanija, also director of Vajiravudh College, will decide on the new structure with the help of Chulalongkorn University's faculty of political science.

"I think the merger is a good idea," said Chirapandh Arthachinda, secretary-general of the National Research Council of Thailand.

His agency was slow on budgeting, but combining the agencies should help solve the problem.

The TRF should concentrate on fund-

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(December 9, 2003) – In an recent article Ilean Her told Asian American Press readers to be cautious of reports coming out of Laos because of the "strong political stance of some of the groups reporting." The report states, "She is skeptical of the claims of the Fact Finding Commission and organizations that have political objectives. "They are not a neutral source," said Her.

The Fact Finding Commission feels a response to Ms. Her's remarks is in order. FFC does have an agenda. That agenda is to bring to the world's attention the plight of the veterans of the Secret War and their families that are trapped in the mountains and jungles of Laos. The planned efforts by the communists to "exterminate to the root" those that were loyal to the United States during the war in Southeast Asia are well documented

Unfortunately, the documentation has been ignored not only by the U.S. State Department, but others who choose for their own reasons to deny these horrific human rights violations could ever be committed.

The hope of the FFC is that all political factions will set aside differences to address the overwhelming needs of these people before they are all killed. After all these are the mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers and cousins of many of the Laotian immigrants in this country. We challenge Ms. Her to identify any political agenda FFC may or may not have that would give cause to doubt the reports we have made.

Ms. Her stated she "doubts the credibility of what she learned were "staged" fighting scenes done by the politically based organizations. Our first question is where did she "learn" these fighting scenes were staged?

If Ms. Her is referring to FFC we invite close examination of the videos in question. We believe the videos speak for themselves.

It is an affront to the brave Laotian men who risked their lives to take these videos and smuggle them out of Laos. The videos taken a few hundred yards from communist military encampments, the children dying from chemical weapons, the starvation, the deaths from communist land mines, are all very real.

On the issue of landmines the article implies these reports may be from the more than 500,000 tons of unexploded ordinance left over from the Vietnam War. A simple examination of the videos by anyone familiar with military ordinance will confirm that the mines which are killing the people in the mountains are of recent communist manufacture and those used by the Pathet Lao and Vietnamese military.

The initial information that lead to the findings by Amnesty International, Time Magazine, the Agence France news organization, and other international journalists and now reported around the world came from the FFC. What FFC has reported has been corroborated by these and others including Dr. Naw Karl Mua and the European journalist who accompanied him into the jungle.

We agree with Ms. Her and Ambassador Hartwick "that the situation of all Hmong and all ethnic groups in Laos must be improved, and that means addressing the poverty issue and that means taking a more diplomatic route." We have personally met with Ambassador Hartwick and plead for diplomatic intervention on behalf of the people in the mountains. The Ambassador has continually turned a deaf ear to their plight referring to them as insurgents and terrorists. They are not. They are soldiers from an American fighting force who are being persecuted for their loyalty to the United States. They are veterans who have been forgotten by those who enjoy the liberty they fought for. They are the family members of those who now living in this country fled the communist persecution that followed the war.

Ed Szendrey, Fact Finding Commission

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Gen. Vang Pao says to work for peace in Laos

LAKE ELMO, Minn. (November 25, 2003) – General Vang Pao, along with various Lao and Hmong leaders from around the country and the world, gathered Wednesday at the Prom Center in Lake Elmo to discuss and "publicly" announce the General's Doctrine on Laos, Southeast Asia, human rights, the plight of the Hmong in the Jungles of Northern Laos, religious freedom, healing old wounds with former adversaries (North Vietnamese, Communist Lao Government), and

Retired Hmong General Vang Pao spoke at the Prom Center Wed. and called Hmong Americans to work for Peace in Laos.

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co-existing with neighboring states (China, Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia, and Burma).

General Vang Pao, since the very young age of 13, has been serving his country and its people. After the fall of Laos to communism in 1975, the General continued to work tirelessly in his commitment to creating a brighter future for the Hmong and Lao people worldwide. His activism within the Hmong and Lao communities has worked to promote education, economic and social development, understanding, and equal rights.

On the much graver issues of human rights, freedom, and democracy in Laos, the General has been at the forefront of the efforts to save the people who continue to cling to hopes of a peaceful, prosperous, and happy life inside Laos.

"Using starvation as a tool to dominate and kill your own people, whose views (political, social, or religious) differ from the communist party's, is completely unacceptable and against international human rights laws," said General Vang Pao. "We as human beings must learn to embrace and understand our differences. Otherwise these senseless killing of innocent people will go on forever...and for what purpose?"

"An open, positive, and constructive dialogue must be sought to begin the process for understanding, tolerance, acceptance, and ultimately for peace and prosperity," said General Vang Pao. "Potentially, some of the greatest assets for the future development and progress of Laos is the very people who had to flee the country and are now well educated and respected in other parts of the world. These same people should not be feared...but rather embraced so that they can bring back their knowledge, connections, and attract foreign investments."

"The era of killing must end...so that a new era of healing, peace, growth, and prosperity can return to the country and its people."❑

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Synopsis: Request for disposition of evidence.

Details: On 01/07/03, the above captioned case was closed by the case Agent. However, evidence obtained during the course of the investigation lacks disposition instructions for the attached computer printout of collected items.

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Case ID #: 2-MW-39584 (Closed) 654

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Synopsis: Requesting that evidence be retained for potential future investigative use.

Reference: 2-MW-39584 Serial 653

Details: Referenced communication requested that the writer provide disposition instructions for several items of evidence obtained in connection with captioned investigation.

The writer requests that the evidence in question be retained for two years from the date of this communication, at which time the issue of disposition should be reevaluated. The writer believes that the evidence may be useful for future investigative purposes.

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Title: NEO HOM;
GENERAL VANG PAO;
NEUTRALITY ACT

Synopsis: To report information concerning the activities of General Vang Pao.

Enclosure(s): Enclosed for receiving offices are translated military appointment orders and various news articles.

Details: On 12/17/2003, [redacted] District Office Representatives from Congresswoman Betty McCullum's office handed over some translated Laotian documents. The meeting took place in the Congresswoman's office at 165 Western Ave., Suite 17, St. Paul, Minnesota. The documents are appointment and promotion orders and a national support volunteer form.

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A propaganda website address was provided for information. The website is: http: www.factfinding.org. News articles from various newspapers and magazines were also provided.

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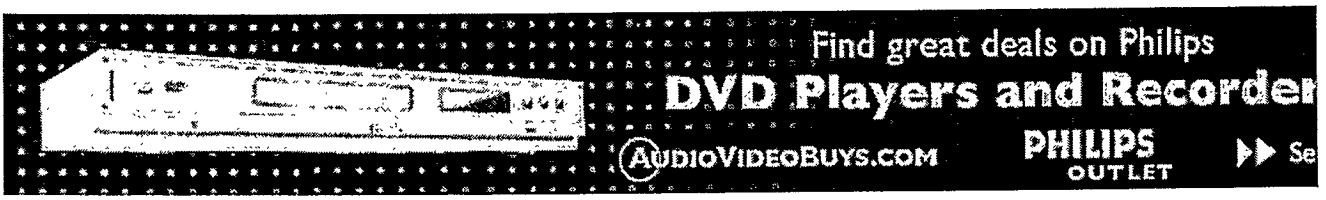

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Welcome to the Jungle

Recruited by the CIA to be a secret army during the Vietnam War, the Hmong rebels of Laos fought communism. Now they desperately battle for their own survival

BY ANDREW PERRIN/XAYSOMBOUNE SPECIAL ZONE

There were hundreds of them, perhaps a thousand. They wept and knelt before me on the ground, crying, "Please help us, the communists are coming." I had hiked four days to reach this forsaken place deep in the jungles of Xaysomboune, northern Laos. The Hmong rebels prostrate before me were convinced they would all soon die. They knew they were a forgotten tribe, crushed by a military campaign that is denied by the communist leaders of their small, sheltered nation.

In all my years as a journalist I had never seen anything like this: a ragtag army with wailing families in tow, beseeching me to take news of their plight to the outside world. I walked among starving children, their tiny frames scarred by mortar shrapnel. Young men, toting rifles and with dull-eyed infants strapped to their backs, ripped open their shirts to show me their wounds. An old man grabbed my hand and guided it over the contours of shrapnel buried in his gut. A teenage girl, no more than 15, whimpered at my feet, pawed at my legs and cried, "They've killed my husband. They've killed my mother, my father, my brother ..." But before she could finish, others were pushing her aside to sob out their own litanies of loss. In this heart of darkness, nobody has a monopoly on grief.

Now, for the first time in nearly three decades, this dwindling group of outcasts are completely surrounded by the Lao government troops that hunt them. They are trapped in a narrow swath of jungle, with all avenues of escape blocked by either soldiers or antipersonnel mines. "This time," says Moua Toua Ther, 46, the one-armed leader of the camp and commander of its pitifully equipped fighting force, "we will not be able to run or hide. When the helicopters come we will be butchered like wild animals."

What is the crime this ragged bunch has committed? It is simply that they are Hmong, mostly the children, grandchildren or even great-grandchildren

of fighters who in the 1960s sided with the U.S. to fight communism in Laos during the Vietnam War. Fabled for their resourcefulness and valor, many Hmong became members of a secret CIA-backed militia that helped rescue downed U.S. pilots and disrupted North Vietnamese supplies and troop movements along the Ho Chi Minh Trail through central Laos. The communist Pathet Lao movement—and its patrons in Hanoi—has never forgotten the Hmong's complicity with the Americans. Shortly after the Pathet Lao took power in 1975—two years after the U.S. had fled the country and left the Hmong soldiers to their fate—a communist newspaper declared the Party would hunt down the "American collaborators" and their families "to the last root." But until TIME recently reached one of the last Hmong outposts, no one truly believed that, after 28 years, the Lao government still meant it. This, then, is the final act of a war that, according to history books, ended in 1973.

The Hmong, who migrated to Laos from southwestern China in the 19th century, have always been a proud, warlike people. In the 1920s a Hmong rebellion against their French rulers erupted in much of Laos and northern Vietnam, ultimately failing but leaving thousands dead. When the French left Laos in 1953, the Hmong found themselves fighting again—this time against the threat of communism. Among the resisters was a young Hmong general named Vang Pao, who in 1961 was commissioned by the CIA to set up a secret army to fight the advancing communists. Over the next decade nearly half of the 40,000 Hmong fighters in Vang Pao's army are thought to have perished during the fighting. The reward for their sacrifice? The Paris cease-fire agreement of 1973, which signaled an end of U.S. aid. Vang fought on for two more years, but when it became clear that the Pathet Lao would win he fled to Thailand and then to the U.S. Today, some 200,000 other Hmong live in exile communities in the U.S. But not all Hmong made it to America: 15,000 of Vang's brethren were cut off from escape and were forced to melt away into the mountainous jungles of Laos.

Even from California, where he leads the United Lao Liberation Front (ULLF), Vang, 74, casts a long shadow over his people. Moua says he reports directly to Vang—a claim the Californian denies, though he does admit to providing occasional help. From his suburban American home, the exiled general demands democracy and a reinstatement of the monarchy in Laos. Moua and his militia are among the remnants of Hmong rebel groups fighting for that disappearing dream.

Moua joined Vang's secret army at age 15. His left arm ends in a stump—his hand was removed in a 1974 jungle amputation. One of only four people in the village with some writing skills, he is a meticulous keeper of village statistics—there are 56 orphaned children, 40 widows and 11 widowers. By Moua's count, 30% of the villagers have shrapnel wounds. In 1975, when Vang fled Laos, Moua recorded his group at 7,000 people. Today there are only about 800 left.

Although the Hmong have been on the run for nearly three decades, Moua and others in his village regard the past year as the worst. In October, they say, some 500 ground troops attacked them from four directions in

Xaysomboune while a gunship strafed them from above. In all, 216 Hmong were killed. Such assaults can come at any time. Last August, a mortar round landed less than a meter from nine-year-old Yeng Houa's family dinner table, killing both his parents. Yeng survived, but I count 18 shrapnel scars on his legs, his jaw is broken and there is an infected sore on his inner thigh. Since the attack, he has not spoken.

The Hmong say they are too ill-equipped to strike back. Most of their fighters are armed with ancient M-16s and AK-47s, and the heaviest weapons at their disposal are two geriatric M-79 grenade launchers. Ammunition is mostly dug up from former U.S. air bases. According to Moua, only a third of the rounds are actually live, negating Hmong chances of launching a viable offensive. As for the Lao government, which declined to talk to TIME, it denies allegations that it is decimating Hmong rebels and blames them for much of the unrest in the country. It insists that Hmong are doubling as bandits. In February an ambush on a bus traveling the busy Highway 13 in the north left 12 people dead, including two Swiss cyclists. A calling card pinned to one of the corpses indicated the deaths were the work of Hmong rebels. And on April 20, gunmen opened fire on a passenger bus, killing at least 13 people. Eyewitnesses to this massacre say the gunmen spoke to one another in the Hmong language. Vang Pao angrily denies claims that his men are responsible for attacks on civilians. "In the past there have been several events like this that have taken place and been blamed on the ULLF," he says. "But it was not us. We believe it was organized by the government using Hmong people who serve in the Lao army." For his part, Moua portrays the Hmong as helpless innocents. "We only defend and run," he says. "If the Lao troops launch an assault, our ammo won't even last an hour."

Back in the mountains of Xaysomboune, Moua and his comrades sleep uneasily on beds of leaves inside banana-leaf huts. Most cannot recall how many times they've relocated, but they remember the people they've lost. Bhun Si, 42, says his wife and two sons were taken from him last October. His friend Soum Sai saw everything: the government troops came in, he says, and shot women and children from a distance of just five meters. Today, Bhun looks barely alive himself. Only two fingers remain on his left hand—he lost the others in a B-41 rocket attack that killed six of his fellow Hmong. His leg still bleeds from a suppurating shrapnel wound he received 13 years ago. One side of his face is a mask of melted flesh, with black sockets where an ear and an eye should be. "Everybody is dead," he says. "Sixteen people in my family are dead, all killed by the communists." In a heartbreaking refrain I heard repeatedly during my stay in the camp, he adds, "America must save us."

Commander Moua, too, wonders where his erstwhile American allies have gone. "We shed blood with the U.S.," he says. "They should remember this. They should find us a land where we're safe and have food to eat." But as the world has watched in awe of the might of the U.S. war machine in Iraq, the final scenes of a 30-year-old war in Indochina that America would rather forget are destined to play out unnoticed.

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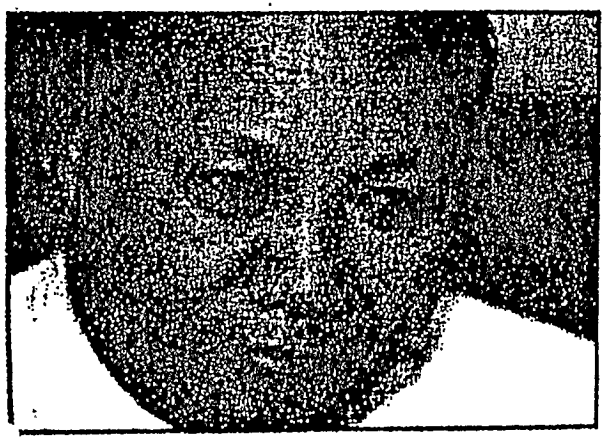
Famed Hmong general faces dilemma



Gen. Vang Pao
Trying to balance dream and reality

On May 9, 1975, after the fall of Saigon, the Pathet Lao government in Laos declared it was necessary to exterminate the Hmong "to the last root."

Hmong Gen. Vang Pao was cornered at last. His ragtag children's army did not have sufficient ammunition or supplies. After disastrous defeats in March and April of 1975, the general was forced to accept that further armed resistance was futile and the CIA argued that he would be more effective as his people's leader in exile than as a martyr on the battlefield.

—Paraphrased from "The Ravens," by Christopher Robbins

THOMAS J. COLLINS STAFF WRITER

Fifteen years later, as the stout and balding general sips pink lemonade in the St. Paul home of an old friend, he is cornered once again. Not by soldiers this time, but by a quandary:

How to keep alive the dream of returning thousands of Hmong refugees to their homes in Laos — something the 60-year-old Hmong warrior and legend has fought for and nurtured for more than 15 years — while easing the Hmong's difficult adjustment to life in exile in St. Paul.

Across the room, the bespectacled Lao Revolutionary Council Prime Minister Chao Phaya Outhong Souvannavong, age 90, faces the same dilemma. But while Souvannavong's fire to return to Laos burns as brightly as Vang Pao's, it is unlikely at his age that he ever again will see the homeland he was forced from 15 years ago.

Like Vang Pao, Souvannavong was forced to leave Laos when the government was ousted by the communist People's Democratic Republic of Laos in 1975. Vang Pao came to the United States, where he continues to wield influence with Hmong people who have settled mainly in Minnesota.

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GENERAL/Legendary Hmong leader ponders choices

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Wisconsin and California. Souvannavong, a member of the royal Lao family, fled to Australia.

Scattered throughout the room Thursday were the two leaders' entourage, composed of prominent Hmong clan members; their host, St. Paul attorney Stephen Young, who met Vang Pao while working with the Hmong people in Laos, and Young's family; also present were assorted politicians and retired American soldiers. The leaders, who generally slip in and out of St. Paul with little fanfare, were returning from a Hmong soccer tournament in Wisconsin.

Besides providing a setting for old war stories, Young offered Vang Pao an opportunity to dispell some persistent rumors about his leadership of the Hmong throughout the United States.

Vang Pao, once almost universally revered by the Hmong, is now being challenged by some of his former loyalists for his fund-raising activities on behalf of Neo Hom, a resistance effort dedicated to establishing a new Hmong government in Laos.

Many younger Hmong — seeking to break away from Vang Pao's power bases in organizations like Neo Hom and Lao Family Community, a national Hmong support organization — have suggested that millions of dollars in Hmong contributions to the charismatic general's underground battle to reclaim Laos never reach that country.

Some of the younger Hmong believe that battle is futile anyway. They are critical of Vang Pao and Lao Family leaders for fostering unrealistic dreams of returning to their homeland while doing too little to address the staggering problems of illiteracy, poverty, drug abuse and mental illness that affect the Hmong community, which numbers nearly 10,000 in St. Paul.

Yet Vang Pao, who rarely grants interviews, is still worshipped by many of the older Hmong who served under him in Laos and, despite Souvannavong's position, Vang Pao clearly is in charge of the business-suited Hmong entourage in Young's Summit Avenue home. They pull their chairs near to listen to him and snap to attention when he points their way.

Fluent in several languages, Vang Pao answered questions in English and Hmong, often not waiting for his interpreter to finish the translation.

He said he remains confident that through politicial and military means his people someday will return to Laos, but he's not ready to predict a timetable.

As for the thousands of Hmong refugees in America who live for that day and little else, Vang Pao applies a gentle stick to motivate them but not beat down their dream.

"In a democratic society people hold onto dreams of going home. They are homesick, but that doesn't keep them from getting work," he said. "In the majority of cases, they take seriously resettlement and want to stay here."

His interpreter for the evening, Xang Vang, added that the general stressed to Hmong people during a recent mass meeting in Wisconsin that "you have to study hard and work hard."

"He's always encouraging people here," said Xang Vang, a St. Paul Public Housing Agency employee.

Punctuating the air with his left index finger, the general blames many of the woes of the formerly rural Hmong people on the rigors of city life.

"I'm really concerned about dumping these people in the big city," he said. "But I am pleased that many are buying houses and are helping pay city and state taxes. The Hmong have improved their lives very slowly."

Contributions toward repatriation in Laos, which Hmong sources estimated have topped $2 million in St. Paul since 1984, are strictly voluntary, Vang Pao said. They are used solely — and completely — to feed, clothe and provide medical services to the Hmong fighting in Laos, he added.

And to those who say his forces are nothing more than a minor irritation to the Lao government forces, the general chides that the critics don't step outside Vientiane, the capital of Laos.

"It's a different story in the jungle. Nobody knows what is happening outside of the capital," he said. Shaking his head sadly, Vang Pao said forces loyal to him have sustained heavy casualties this year.

The general blamed the communist government in Laos for persistent problems with drug addiction among the Hmong — particularly opium. He said he successfully lobbied for a law prohibiting it from being grown and harvested in 1971, before communists overran the country.

"After the communists took over, the government knew that opium was the number one bomb to drop on America," Vang Pao said.

Earlier Thursday, St. Paul Mayor Jim Scheibel solicited a pledge from Vang Pao to urge Hmong people to stay off drugs and to use the city's public health services to prevent the spread of disease, like the measles epidemic that hit the community earlier this year. The general also promised Scheibel that he would encourage Hmong families to make sure their children stay in school.

"We have to work together to break up these problems," Vang Pao told the mayor during the courtesy visit to Scheibel's City Hall office.

Later, at Young's home, the general announced a Hmong conference, scheduled for November in Fresno, Calif., to develop the first national American resettlement program.

He and Souvannavong, meanwhile, urged the American government and the United Nations to deal with the concerns of the Lao people in the same way they are trying to establish a government in Cambodia.

"We don't like that puppet government there now under contract with the North Vietnamese," Souvannavong said. "They are going to wash our people out."

Listening nearby was retired A Force Lt. Col. Bill Rees, a memb of the Ravens, a group of flie who helped the Hmong and La tians fight their secret war again communism. He has come to reli memories with his Hmong frien and he snaps erect as if in salu when introduced to the general.

"Most of us got wrapped up the people over there," he said la er. "We would have done [illegible] hi for them."

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Only a discr[illegible] glass nameplate on the door identifies the building in the center of Prague as the headquarters of Omnipol, Czechoslovakia's state arms trading company.

Few Czechoslovaks realize that Omnipol is the world's seventh largest arms exporter, much less venture through the elaborate ground-floor security system of what the Prague telephone book lists innocuously as one of the country's many "foreign trade corporations."

With estimated annual sales exceeding $500 million, Omnipol deals in high-quality

pro-Iranian terrorists to destroy Pan American Flight [illegible]3 over th[illegible] Lockerbie on Dec. 21, [illegible] deaths.

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But selling arms abroad is one tradition that the new non-Communist government has said it wants nothing to do with. Unfor-

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Insurgency in Laos Seeking To Emerge From Anonymity

Recent Upsurge in Jungle Fighting Reported

By Keith B. Richburg
Washington Post Foreign Service

BANGKOK—Deep in the jungles of mountainous Laos, a little-known insurgency built around the remnants of an anti-communist movement controlled by the CIA in the 1970s has escalated its guerrilla war against the Laotian government, prompting a military counterpunch from Vientiane.

Diplomats and other analysts here said there has been a major escalation in fighting inside Laos since December, when the United Lao National Liberation Front ended 15 years of virtual anonymity and declared a "provisional revolutionary government" on Laotian soil.

The communist Laotian government, which in recent years has instituted free-market economic reforms and allowed some elections, has publicly dismissed the Thai-supported rebels as "an anachronism" and its declaration as a "desperate act" to gain financing.

The diplomats here and others agree that the resistance does not appear to pose a serious threat to the Laotian government, but said the rebels' declaration was a significant enough provocation to force Vientiane to step up its counterinsurgency campaign.

Laos is a large but landlocked country of only 3.5 million people, and its rugged terrain of mountains and thick jungles makes it conducive to guerrilla warfare. Since December, the resistance has stepped up its attacks in Vientiane Province, assaulting truck convoys along Route 13, which connects Vientiane to the old Laotian capital of Luang Prabang. The rebels also claim to have cut parts of Highway 7, the east-west road leading to Vietnam through the plateau known as the Plain of Jars.

In early January, the Laotian government used MiG-21 fighters and helicopter gunships to blast at least three resistance pockets in Xiangkhoang and Sayaboury provinces, according to Western diplomats and Laotian resistance sources here. The Sayaboury camp was the site where the provisional government was declared.

"Our camps have been burned and destroyed," said resistance spokesman Somphorn Wang.

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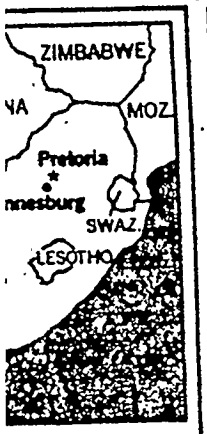

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Y BRAD WYE—THE WASHINGTON POST

Insurgency in Laos Seeking To Emerge From Anonymity

LAOS, From A27

The United States, whose relations with the Laotian government recently have been improving, disavows any official association with the Laotian resistance, despite the presence of American civilian sympathizers, many of them ex-servicemen who fought with the highland Hmong hill tribesmen during the U.S. "secret war" against the Laotian communists in the 1970s.

Resistance spokesmen have said they receive most of their funding to buy weapons and other supplies from the Laotian expatriate community overseas—including 180,000 Laotian refugees in the United States—and from former American soldiers who fought against the communists.

The resistance comprises an unlikely grouping of Hmong tribesmen, lowland Laotians, pro-American rebels, pro-Chinese rebels, rightists, royalists and representatives of some of the country's 102 ethnic groups—all united by their sense of nationalism and opposition to 15 years of communist rule in Vientiane.

Although the insurgency is multifaceted, the Hmong are believed to comprise its backbone. Wang, the Laotian rebel spokesman in Bangkok, said the movement was about 50 percent Hmong.

Most of the areas the resistance now claims to "control" were those where the U.S.-backed forces were operating when the Vietnamese-backed Pathet Lao, which means "land of Laos," seized power in Vientiane in November 1975.

Accurate figures for the size of the resistance are not known because most of the activity in this war is being waged deep inside Laotian territory, where access by foreigners is extremely limited. The rebels claim up to 10,000 fighters, but Western diplomats and others estimate the resistance forces' size may be about half of that.

Reporters who went to the home of the resistance representative here in Bangkok were briefed by an American from Alaska, who asked not to be identified. He said he raises funds for the resistance by distributing among Thailand's community of former American GIs videotapes of insurgent activities inside Laos.

The leader of the United Lao National Liberation Front's military arm, the Lao Liberation Army, is Vang Pao, who headed the CIA-backed army in the 1970s and who now lives in the United States, where he raises funds for the insurgency through his contacts with the Laotian exile community. The political head, the "prime minister" of the provisional government, is Outhang Souvannavong, a former diplomat in the old Laotian regime.

The movement is splintered between what appears to be the mainstream resistance group, which issued the December declaration, and a breakaway faction headed by a virulently anti-communist Hmong warrior called Pa Kao Her.

Pa Kao Her formed his own rebel movement after attending a meeting of the World Anti-Communist League in 1985, during which he declared himself "King of the Hmong" and was rewarded with generous financial support from the right-wing league, according to resistance sources and journalists who have monitored the Laotian guerilla movement. Pa Kao Her claims to have a force of 7,000 guerrillas, but Western diplomats and his rivals in the rebel movement said his army may number only a few hundred men.

BY DAVE COOK—THE WASHINGTON POST

The main difference between Pa Kao Her and the mainline front is that Pa Kao Her's group is totally Hmong, and his battle against Vientiane is strictly over the issue of rights for the Hmong.

Recently, Jane's Defense Review, the influential British publication that follows military matters, reported that Pa Kao Her had attempted to buy $8 million in arms from Romania shortly before the fall of the Ceausescu regime in December. According to Jane's, which cited documents and purchase orders obtained from unnamed sources, the order was for 5,000 assault rifles and 5 million rounds of ammunition.

Diplomats and sources for the mainstream Laotian resistance group said it was unclear whether the reported attempt at buying arms was legitimate or a ruse to bolster Pa Kao Her's claim to having a major fighting force. They also said the arms may have been intended to be diverted to third parties, such as guerrillas using base camps on the Thai border to try to overthrow the regime in Myanmar, formerly Burma.

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(U) 2-SC-36616 (Pending) -15
(U) 2-MW-39584 (Closed) -656

(U) Title: ~~(S)~~ THREATENED DISRUPTION OF THE ASEAN SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN LAOS DURING NOV. 25 TO 30, 2004 BY US PERSONS;
NEUTRALITY MATTERS;
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(U) Synopsis: ~~(S)~~ To update Legat Bangkok with the following investigative efforts developed to date and to appropriately request their assistance to obtain additional biographical information to assist in verifying [redacted] identities.

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To: Bangkok From: Sacramento
Re: (U) 2-BK-536, 12/3/2004

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(U) Preliminary Inquiry Instituted: 11/24/2004, set to expire 5/24/05.

Reference: (U) 2-BK-536 Serial 1
(U) 80-BK-181 Serial 40

Enclosure(s): (U) For Sacramento File Only.
(U) DMV/Photo Printouts
[redacted]

(U) **Details:** (S) The following information is being directed to each recipient for information and specifically to Legat Bangkok to provide them with an update of Sacramento's investigative efforts to locate and identify [redacted]. Both individuals were named by [redacted] (S) [redacted] persons who are working against the activities of the Government of Laos and to some extent may be involved in a threat to cause casualties with explosives in Vientiane, Laos to disrupt the Summit Conference of Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) which was held in November 25-30, 2004. Sacramento is cognizant that the ASEAN Summit was concluded without incident. However, as predicated above, Sacramento will continue with their investigation to fully ascertain the extent and nature of [redacted] activities relevant to violations of the Neutrality Act. Future results of this investigation will be incorporated into Sacramento's Hmong Neutrality investigation 2-SC-36616, which is associated to the same Lao Family Association identified during the course of this investigation.

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(U) (S) FBI Sacramento has located possible persons matching the limited identifiers for both [redacted]. To fully confirm that these persons are identifiable to those (S) named by [redacted] Sacramento is requesting the assistance of Legat Bangkok as follows:

(S) - Attempt to determine if [redacted] is in a position to identify [redacted] from a photospread. If yes, Sacramento will provide these photospreads for appropriate viewing by the [redacted] source.

- If no, [redacted] is requested to attempt to determine if the source can provide any additional biographical information to help confirm the identities of [redacted]

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Furthermore, Sacramento noted the following:

- on [redacted] no direct matches can be found through database indices, inclusive to only one similar unconfirmed match bearing the name of [redacted] aka [redacted] in the Sacramento, CA area. Discrete inquiries within the Hmong community have led to a possible match of a local radio personality utilizing the name [redacted] but database checks cannot confirm any records under that specific name.

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(U) Additionally, Sacramento has determined that 1430 AM KJAY has a radio talk show personality utilizing the name [redacted] however, whether [redacted] is the same person reported is still yet to be determined. Database inquiries on [redacted] has been met with negative results in the Sacramento, CA area at this time. However, absent of any further information as requested above from Legat Bangkok, FBI Sacramento will withhold further investigation to include but not limited to an interview [redacted]

(U) ~~(S)~~ Set forth below is a summary of the information developed to date:

(U) ~~(S)~~ On 11/30/04 Federal Air Marshal (FAM) [redacted] and California Highway Patrol Investigator [redacted] met with [redacted] of the Sacramento Lao Family Community Inc.(916)424-0864 in attempt to locate the captioned individuals. Records checks with [redacted] advised no individuals with the name [redacted] was registered in their records specifying the particular name was very common among the Hmong community. [redacted] stated however, the name can be used in different variations beginning with last name first (i.e. [redacted] and can also be spelled as [redacted] resulting with still an identical phonetic pronunciation that of [redacted] The name [redacted] advised he was of no affiliation to the Lao Family Association but was a prominent figure and was known in the Hmong community [redacted] Telephonic contact by this writer [redacted]

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(U) A review of DMV, [redacted] and NCIC identified the following possible matches for the name [redacted] years of age:

DMV:

Name: [redacted]
DOB: [redacted]
CDL #: [redacted] (Issued 2/19/02, Expires 9/10/06)
Address: [redacted]
(As of 3/23/04)
Other Address: [redacted]
[redacted] (As of 8/26/03)

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Description: [redacted] Brown Hair, Brown Eyes, 4'11", 130 lbs.
Telephone: Not Listed

(U) Google Searches revealed a Hmong Radio Broadcasting network listed as www.vovnradio.org,. The radio station is described as KJAY 1430 AM "The Voice of Vietnam" providing news and community interests to the Vietnamese community. The web site is currently under construction, however, pictures are displayed for view. Enclosed in this threat assessment is one picture posted on the site.

(U) Google Searches also revealed addresses for KJAY 1430 AM-Hmong Air Broadcasting Radio:

Hmong Programs KJAY 1430 AM (Radio)
Address:5030 S. River Road, West Sacramento, CA 95691
Telephone: (916)371-5101
Fax: (916)371-1459

KJAY- Hmong Air Broadcasting 1430 AM (Radio)
Address: PO Box 108, Sacramento, CA 95605
Telephone: (916)371-5109
Fax: (916)421-2973

(U) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] revealed [redacted], referencing [redacted] dated from [redacted] Note, due to the lapse of dates from 1994 to 2004 and information provided, [redacted] cannot be substantiated as a user of the following telephone number at this time.

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(U) Based on the information developed above, Sacramento will await Legat Bangkok's response to the requested assistance noted above.

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At ITOS 2/GOU, provided for information.

Set Lead 3: (Action)

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(S) Legat Bangkok is requested to contact [redacted] to obtain the additional information as noted above to help confirm identities of [redacted]

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A source not in position to testify provided to following information:

Colonel HANG SAO, Asian male, the Chief of Military Intelligence for Major General VANG PAO recently died of a sudden heart attack in Detroit, MI.

Investigation on 10/22/03 at [redacted] WI (telephonically)

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Ex-George aide among 9 accused in Laos coup plot

Leading Hmong general spearheaded scheme, U.S. says

McClatchy News Service, Associated Press, San Francisco Chronicle

Sacramento, Calif. — Nine men, including a prominent Hmong general who commanded the CIA's army fighting communists during the Vietnam War and a former aide to ex-Wisconsin state Sen. Gary George, were charged in federal court Monday with plotting to overthrow the government of Laos.

The accused mastermind is Vang Pao, 77, who is considered among the most respected Hmong leaders in the United States and who has vowed for more than 20 years to lead his followers back to Laos.

Vang Pao, who has been a source of controversy in Madison, Wis., splits his time between homes in Minnesota and the area of Fresno, Calif.

Also charged was Lo Cha Thao, 34, who worked as an aide to George, a Milwaukee Democrat who in 2004 was sentenced to four years in federal prison over a kickback scheme. Lo Cha Thao, who lives in Clovis, Calif., was cleared of accusations that he forged signatures on nominating petitions in 2002 for George's abortive gubernatorial campaign.

California National Guard Lt. Col. Harrison Ulrich Jack was accused of acting as an arms broker and organizer. He is a 1968 West Point graduate who was involved in covert operations during the Vietnam War.

In addition, six prominent members of the Hmong community from central California were charged.

The men are accused of violating the United States' neutrality act by plotting on American soil to invade a foreign country. They are accused of conspiring to obtain hundreds of AK-47s, Stinger missiles, anti-tank missiles, mines, rockets and C-4 explosive, as well as smoke grenades, to overthrow the Laotian government.

"We're looking at conspiracy to murder thousands and thousands of people at one time," Assistant U.S. Attorney Bob Twiss said.

The nine suspects are in custody, but Twiss said thousands of co-conspirators remained at large.

Vang Pao had led CIA-backed Hmong forces in Laos in the 1960s and 1970s as a general in the Royal Army of Laos. He immigrated to the U.S. in about 1975 and has been credited by thousands of Hmong refugees with helping them build lives in the U.S.

Journal Sentinel staff contributed to this report.

STATE CONNECTIONS

VANG PAO

In April, a dispute erupted in Madison over a proposal to name a new elementary school after Vang Pao, a move intended to honor the area's large Hmong population. Dissenters said a school should not bear the name of a figure with such a violent history.

In 2002, the City of Madison dropped a plan to name a park in Vang Pao's honor after a University of Wisconsin-Madison professor cited numerous published sources alleging that Vang Pao had ordered executions of his own followers, of enemy prisoners of war and of his political enemies. Spokesmen for Vang Pao and his followers denied the charges at the time.

LO CHA THAO

Lo Cha Thao worked as an aide to former Wisconsin state Sen. Gary George.

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